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Piper Aircraft Corp Archer

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Occurrence Number: 199500622 Occurrence Type: Accident

Location: Paramatee Station via Yunta

State: SA Inv Category: 4

Date: Tuesday 28 February 1995

Time: 1600 hours **Time Zone** CSuT

Highest Injury Level: None

Aircraft Manufacturer: Piper Aircraft Corp

Aircraft Model: PA-28-180

Aircraft Registration: VH-CPM Serial Number: 28-7305513

Type of Operation: Non-commercial Pleasure/Travel

Damage to Aircraft: Substantial **Departure Point:** Port Pirie SA

Departure Time:

Destination: Manunda Station SA

Crew Details:

	Hours on		
Role	Class of Licence	Type Hou	rs Total
Pilot-In-Command	Private	35.0	85

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The pilot had undertaken a private flight from Port Pirie intending to land at a property. When he arrived in the general area, he saw an airstrip with a vehicle parked nearby and believing that he had arrived at his destination commenced an approach for landing.

After the aircraft had touched down the pilot realised the airstrip was not suitable for the operation, but was committed to continue with the landing.

The aircraft over-ran the end of the airstrip with the left wing striking a tree causing damage to the wingtip and displacing the spar rearwards. The pilot being the only occupant was uninjured.