

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report  
199501470**

**Robinson Helicopter Co  
R22 HP**

**19 May 1995**

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**Occurrence Number:** 199501470      **Occurrence Type:** Accident  
**Location:** 20km N Karumba  
**State:** QLD      **Inv Category:** 4  
**Date:** Friday 19 May 1995  
**Time:** 0915 hours      **Time Zone:** EST  
**Highest Injury Level:** Serious  
**Injuries:**

	Fatal	Serious	Minor	None	Total
Crew	0	1	0	0	1
Ground	0	0	0	0	0
Passenger	0	1	0	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>

**Aircraft Manufacturer:** Robinson Helicopter Co  
**Aircraft Model:** R22 HP  
**Aircraft Registration:** VH-EWY      **Serial Number:** 0155  
**Type of Operation:** Commercial      Aerial Mustering  
**Damage to Aircraft:** Substantial  
**Departure Point:** Maggieville Station QLD  
**Departure Time:**  
**Destination:** Maggieville Station QLD

**Crew Details:**

<b>Role</b>	<b>Class of Licence</b>	<b>Hours on Type</b>	<b>Hours Total</b>
Pilot-In-Command	Commercial	1000.0	10000

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The helicopter was engaged in mustering operations. On board was the pilot and one passenger. The pilot reported that the helicopter was "in near hover" at approximately 200-250 ft AGL, when he noticed a loss of engine power and the low rotor siren sounded. He was able to advise a second helicopter involved in the operation of the emergency by radio. The aircraft descended to land heavily, before coming to rest on its side.

Both the pilot and passenger sustained serious back injuries in the accident.

The engine was later test run, with no problems evident.

Windy conditions were reported to have existed at the time of the accident.

