

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
199501484**

**Cessna Aircraft Company
Centurion**

19 May 1995

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Occurrence Number: 199501484 **Occurrence Type:** Accident
Location: Bankstown
State: NSW **Inv Category:** 4
Date: Friday 19 May 1995
Time: 1348 hours **Time Zone:** EST
Highest Injury Level: None

Aircraft Manufacturer: Cessna Aircraft Company
Aircraft Model: 210L
Aircraft Registration: VH-PGX **Serial Number:** 21061486
Type of Operation: Non-commercial Practice
Damage to Aircraft: Substantial
Departure Point: Bankstown NSW
Departure Time: 1330 EST
Destination: Bankstown NSW

Crew Details:

Role	Class of Licence	Hours on	
		Type	Hours Total
Pilot-In-Command	Private	76.7	178

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The pilot was conducting circuits and landings to gain additional experience on the aircraft type. He had already flown three circuits and had experienced some difficulty remaining behind slower traffic. On the fourth circuit, the Tower advised him to turn inside a slower aircraft ahead which caused a shortening of the downwind leg of the circuit.

Because of the number of aircraft operating in the circuit the pilot decided to discontinue the flight and advised the Tower he would make a "full stop" landing. However, due to the distraction of other traffic and concentrating on slowing the aircraft for landing, the pilot forgot to extend the landing gear.

The aircraft slid to a stop on runway 29 Left , sustaining damage to the underside and propeller.

