

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
199501575**

**Robinson Helicopter Co
R22 HP**

29 May 1995

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Occurrence Number: 199501575 **Occurrence Type:** Accident
Location: 8km SE Georgetown
State: QLD **Inv Category:** 4
Date: Monday 29 May 1995
Time: 0630 hours **Time Zone** EST
Highest Injury Level: None

Aircraft Manufacturer: Robinson Helicopter Co
Aircraft Model: R22 HP
Aircraft Registration: VH-HIJ **Serial Number:** 0328
Type of Operation: Miscellaneous Ferry
Damage to Aircraft: Substantial
Departure Point: Georgetown QLD
Departure Time: 0630 EST
Destination: Wandovale QLD

Crew Details:

Role	Class of Licence	Hours on Type	Hours Total
Pilot-In-Command	Commercial	2900.0	3500

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After the aircraft suffered a power loss at 1000 feet AGL, the pilot commenced an autorotational descent. The aircraft was flared above trees and the aircraft fell into a clearing.

A post flight inspection by the pilot found that the fuel system was contaminated by water. He had refuelled out of a 200 litre drum on the previous night and had omitted to carry out preflight fuel drains.