

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
199501649**

**Cessna Aircraft Company
Skywagon**

04 June 1995

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Occurrence Number: 199501649 **Occurrence Type:** Accident
Location: 27km SW Tully
State: QLD **Inv Category:** 4
Date: Sunday 04 June 1995
Time: 1645 hours **Time Zone** EST
Highest Injury Level: None

Aircraft Manufacturer: Cessna Aircraft Company
Aircraft Model: A185F
Aircraft Registration: VH-IQS **Serial Number:** 18502339
Type of Operation: Commercial Aerial Mapping/Photo/Survey
Damage to Aircraft: Substantial
Departure Point: Tully QLD
Departure Time: 1630 EST
Destination: Tully QLD

Crew Details:

Role	Class of Licence	Hours on Type	Hours Total
Pilot-In-Command	Commercial	2000.0	15000

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The pilot was faced with a forced landing when he inadvertently left the fuel selector on a near empty (left wing) tank. The purpose of the flight had been to inspect a property and when the engine faltered, due to fuel starvation, there was insufficient time and height available to restart the engine using fuel from the right tank.

The aircraft struck a beast, with the left main gear, during the flare. The gear leg was bent back and during a short landing roll, the left wing struck the ground.