

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
199501783**

**British Aerospace Plc
Jetstream**

13 June 1995

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The Bureau did not conduct an on scene investigation of this occurrence. The information presented below was obtained from information supplied to the Bureau.

Occurrence Number:	199501783	Occurrence Type:	Incident
Location:	Coolangatta, Aerodrome		
State:	QLD	Inv Category:	4
Date:	Tuesday 13 June 1995		
Time:	1605 hours	Time Zone	EST
Highest Injury Level:	None		

Aircraft Manufacturer:	British Aerospace Plc	
Aircraft Model:	4100	
Aircraft Registration:	VH-IMQ	Serial Number:
Type of Operation:	Air Transport Low Capacity Passenger Scheduled	
Damage to Aircraft:	Nil	
Departure Point:	Williamtown	
Departure Time:	1500 EST	
Destination:	Coolangatta QLD	

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The pilot reported that when on short final for runway 14, a golf ball passed from left to right, in front of, and higher than the nose of the aircraft.

SAFETY ACTION

The Federal Airports Corporation (FAC) was informed and the Airport General Manager discussed the occurrence with the local Council. A public park located beneath the approach path to runway 14 was frequently used for golf practice. The Council reacted promptly by prohibiting golf practice in the park and signs were placed to warn the public. FAC Duty Safety Officers were requested to increase patrols of the area to warn off anyone seen playing golf in the area. Subsequently, a golf practice area was established in an area nearby which is clear of the approach path to the runway and meets Civil Aviation Safety Authority regulatory requirements.