

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report  
199502196**

**Piper Aircraft Corp  
Chieftain**

**17 July 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.

<b>Occurrence Number:</b>	199502196	<b>Occurrence Type:</b>	Accident
<b>Location:</b>	Lismore, Aerodrome		
<b>State:</b>	NSW	<b>Inv Category:</b>	4
<b>Date:</b>	Monday 17 July 1995		
<b>Time:</b>	1010 hours	<b>Time Zone</b>	EST
<b>Highest Injury Level:</b>	None		

<b>Aircraft Manufacturer:</b>	Piper Aircraft Corp		
<b>Aircraft Model:</b>	PA-31-350		
<b>Aircraft Registration:</b>	VH-JJI	<b>Serial Number:</b>	31-7405462
<b>Type of Operation:</b>	Charter	Cargo	
<b>Damage to Aircraft:</b>	Substantial		
<b>Departure Point:</b>	Coffs Harbour NSW		
<b>Departure Time:</b>	0745 EST		
<b>Destination:</b>	Lismore NSW		

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The pilot reported that he was having difficulty lowering the landing gear. He later advised that he was unable to lower the gear and that he intended conducting a wheels-up landing.

Later engineering examination found that the push pull cable, between the gear selector handle and the power pack, had broken. CASA Airworthiness at Coffs Harbour were advised the details of the occurrence and were able to recover the broken cable for further specialist examination.