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Cessna Aircraft Company C150

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Occurrence Number: 199503061 Occurrence Type: Accident

Location: Bowen, Aerodrome

State: QLD Inv Category: 4

Date: Sunday 17 September 1995

Time: 1610 hours **Time Zone** EST

Highest Injury Level: None

Aircraft Manufacturer: Cessna Aircraft Company

Aircraft Model: 150M

Aircraft Registration: VH-HVU Serial Number: 15076990

Type of Operation: Instructional Solo

Damage to Aircraft:SubstantialDeparture Point:Bowen QLDDeparture Time:1610 ESTDestination:Bowen QLD

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The student pilot had completed one previous solo circuit to a full stop. He then backtracked and was taking off for another circuit. He reported that the engine appeared to lose power soon after the aircraft became airborne. He then elected to land the aircraft on the remaining runway. The pilot forgot to lower the flaps but the aircraft was turned into wind, touching down off the side of the runway. The aircraft was unable to be stopped within the distance remaining and ran through the boundary fence.

The pilot was able to exit the aircraft safely.

The aircraft sustained substantial damage to the nose landing gear, right wing and the tail plane.

Later examination and ground run of the engine was unable to duplicate the power loss described by the pilot.