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Cessna Aircraft Company 310R

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Occurrence Number: 199504192 Occurrence Type: Accident

Location: Weipa, Aerodrome

State: QLD Inv Category: 4

Date: Friday 08 December 1995

Time: 1540 hours **Time Zone** EST

Highest Injury Level: None

Aircraft Manufacturer: Cessna Aircraft Company

Aircraft Model: 310R

Aircraft Registration: VH-HEC Serial Number: 310R0522

Type of Operation: Charter Passenger

Damage to Aircraft:SubstantialDeparture Point:Aurukun QLDDeparture Time:1421 ESTDestination:Weipa QlD

Approved for Release: Friday, December 15, 1995

The nose landing gear failed to extend when the gear was selected down for landing at Weipa. Several unsuccessful attempts were then made to extend the gear using the manual emergency extension. Later the nose landing gear collapsed during the landing roll when the pilot was forced to land with the nose gear in the unlocked position. All five persons on board were able to exit the aircraft safely. The aircraft sustained damage to both propellers and the forward underside of the aircraft in the incident.