

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report  
199400550**

**Cessna Aircraft Company  
Cutlass**

**06 March 1994**

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<b>Occurrence Number:</b>	199400550	<b>Occurrence Type:</b>	Accident
<b>Location:</b>	Mareeba		
<b>State:</b>	QLD	<b>Inv Category:</b>	4
<b>Date:</b>	Sunday 06 March 1994		
<b>Time:</b>	0806 hours	<b>Time Zone</b>	EST
<b>Highest Injury Level:</b>	None		

<b>Aircraft Manufacturer:</b>	Cessna Aircraft Company		
<b>Aircraft Model:</b>	172RG		
<b>Aircraft Registration:</b>	VH-KPL	<b>Serial Number:</b>	172RG0099
<b>Type of Operation:</b>	Non-commercial Pleasure/Travel		
<b>Damage to Aircraft:</b>	Substantial		
<b>Departure Point:</b>	Cairns QLD		
<b>Departure Time:</b>			
<b>Destination:</b>	Mareeba QLD		

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The pilot had planned to fly an aircraft equipped with fixed landing gear. However, the keys for this aircraft could not be found so he flew another aircraft of the same type, but which had retractable landing gear. On arrival at the destination aerodrome, the pilot forgot to lower the landing gear and landed with the gear retracted.