

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
199400845**

**Hughes Helicopters
Hughes 300**

05 April 1994

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Occurrence Number: 199400845 **Occurrence Type:** Accident
Location: Cowley (20km S Innisfail)
State: QLD **Inv Category:** 4
Date: Tuesday 05 April 1994
Time: 0900 hours **Time Zone** EST
Highest Injury Level: None

Aircraft Manufacturer: Hughes Helicopters
Aircraft Model: 269C
Aircraft Registration: VH-WPP **Serial Number:** 500926
Type of Operation: Commercial Aerial Agriculture - Other
Damage to Aircraft: Substantial
Departure Point: Cowley QLD
Departure Time: 0855 EST
Destination: Cowley QLD

Crew Details:

Role	Class of Licence	Hours on Type	Hours Total
Pilot-In-Command	Commercial	310.0	9946

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The pilot had been briefed on a number of treatment areas some days earlier. When he approached this area he did not see the powerline. At the end of the first spray run he flew into the wire. The helicopter developed a vibration and the pilot landed as soon as possible.

Inspection found that one main rotor and one tail rotor blade was damaged and required replacement.

He had been advised of the presence of the wire during the earlier briefing.