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Occurrence Number: 199401015 Occurrence Type: Incident

Location: 65km N Mallacoota

State: VIC Inv Category: 4

Date: Friday 15 April 1994

Time: 1741 hours **Time Zone** EST

Highest Injury Level: None

Aircraft British Aerospace Plc

Manufacturer:

Aircraft Model: BAe 146-300

Aircraft Registration: VH-EWM Serial E3179

Number:

Type of Operation: Air Transport Domestic High Capacity International

Passenger

Damage to Aircraft: Nil

Departure Point: Sydney NSW **Departure Time:** 1710 EST **Destination:** Hobart TAS

Approved for Release: Tuesday, August 30, 1994

The number 1 engine was shut due to an indication of increasing vibration. The aircraft diverted to Melbourne where investigation disclosed that the increasing vibration reading was caused by a chafed wiring harness. The harness had chafed due to a poorly positioned support clip allowing contact between the harness and the fan case.