

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report  
199401104**

**Beech Aircraft Corp  
Queen Air  
Piper Aircraft Corp  
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**20 April 1994**

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**Occurrence Number:** 199401104      **Occurrence Type:** Incident  
**Location:** 52km W Maningrida  
**State:** NT      **Inv Category:** 4  
**Date:** Wednesday 20 April 1994  
**Time:** 1720 hours      **Time Zone** CST  
**Highest Injury Level:** None

**Aircraft Manufacturer:** Piper Aircraft Corp  
**Aircraft Model:** PA-31-350  
**Aircraft Registration:** VH-LGI      **Serial Number:** 31-7952053  
**Type of Operation:** Air Transport Domestic Low Capacity Passenger Scheduled  
**Damage to Aircraft:** Nil  
**Departure Point:** Maningrida NT  
**Departure Time:** 1708 CST  
**Destination:** Darwin NT

**Crew Details:**

<b>Role</b>	<b>Class of Licence</b>	<b>Hours on Type</b>	<b>Hours Total</b>
Pilot-In-Command	Senior Commercial	1600.0	3420

**Aircraft Manufacturer:** Beech Aircraft Corp  
**Aircraft Model:** 65-B80  
**Aircraft Registration:** VH-AMQ      **Serial Number:** LD-443  
**Type of Operation:** Air Transport Domestic Low Capacity Passenger Scheduled  
**Damage to Aircraft:** Nil  
**Departure Point:** Darwin NT  
**Departure Time:** 1600 CST  
**Destination:** Elcho Island NT

**Crew Details:**

<b>Role</b>	<b>Class of Licence</b>	<b>Hours on Type</b>	<b>Hours Total</b>
Pilot-In-Command	Commercial	65.0	2200

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The pilot of VH-LGI, enroute from Maningrida to Darwin, reported to Adelaide Flight Service that he had experienced a breakdown in separation with an aircraft travelling in the opposite direction.

He was advised there was no other instrument flight rules traffic in the area, and that the aircraft was VH-AMQ operating under the visual flight rules on a SARTIME flight, and therefore not given as traffic.

Although both aircraft had made all necessary radio calls, the conflict occurred at a Flight Information Service area boundary when opposite direction traffic are monitoring different VHF radio frequencies.

