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The Bureau did not conduct an on scene investigation of this occurrence. The information presented below was obtained from information supplied to the Bureau.

Occurrence Number: 199402827 Occurrence Type: Accident

Location: 2.5km NW Brigalow

State: QLD **Inv Category:** 4

Date: Thursday 29 September 1994

Time: 1700 hours Time Zone **EST**

Highest Injury Level: None

Aircraft Manufacturer: Cessna Aircraft Company

Aircraft Model: 180D

Aircraft Registration: VH-MDK **Serial Number:** 18051050

Type of Operation: Miscellaneous Glider Towing

Damage to Aircraft: Substantial **Departure Point:** Jondaryan QLD 1640 EST **Departure Time:**

Destination: 2.5km W Brigalow QLD

Crew Details:

Hours on **Class of Licence Type Hours Total** Role Pilot-In-Command Private 3000.0 4500

Approved for Release: Wednesday, February 15, 1995

The pilot was conducting a landing in a paddock to retrieve a glider from an out landing. During the landing roll the aircraft skipped slightly for approximately 15 m then pitched forward, the propellor struck the ground and the aircraft came to rest inverted.

The pilot said later that he may have relaxed prematurely after a reasonable satisfactory touchdown. The landing had been into a wind of about 10 kts.