

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report  
199403213**

**Cessna Aircraft Company  
310R**

**02 November 1994**

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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:** 199403213                      **Occurrence Type:** Accident  
**Location:** Badu Island  
**State:** QLD                      **Inv Category:** 4  
**Date:** Wednesday 02 November 1994  
**Time:** 1241 hours                      **Time Zone** EST  
**Highest Injury Level:** None

**Aircraft Manufacturer:** Cessna Aircraft Company  
**Aircraft Model:** 310R  
**Aircraft Registration:** VH-JOF                      **Serial Number:** 310R-0548  
**Type of Operation:** Charter      Passenger  
**Damage to Aircraft:** Substantial  
**Departure Point:** Boigu Island QLD  
**Departure Time:** 1210 EST  
**Destination:** Badu Island QLD

**Crew Details:**

<b>Role</b>	<b>Class of Licence</b>	<b>Hours on Type</b>	<b>Hours Total</b>
Pilot-In-Command	Commercial	450.0	1850

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The pilot reported that on final approach, he noticed that the runway surface appeared uneven and unsuitable for landing, so he conducted an overshoot. During this manoeuvre, the left main gear struck the ground or an object. The pilot retracted the landing gear and diverted to Horn Island. The left main gear collapsed on landing.

The runway at Badu Island had been closed for maintenance. The strip and windsock were appropriately marked.

Badu Island airstrip is not a licenced aerodrome and as such a NOTAM regarding works in progress was not issued. The local council reported that it notified the regular operators who serviced the island. However, the operator involved in this occurrence was not aware that the strip was closed.