

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report  
199403682**

**Cessna Aircraft Company  
182F**

**27 November 1994**

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**Occurrence Number:** 199403682                      **Occurrence Type:** Accident  
**Location:** Avoid Island  
**State:** QLD                      **Inv Category:** 4  
**Date:** Sunday 27 November 1994  
**Time:** 1030 hours                      **Time Zone** EST  
**Highest Injury Level:** None

**Aircraft Manufacturer:** Cessna Aircraft Company  
**Aircraft Model:** 182F  
**Aircraft Registration:** VH-CDN                      **Serial Number:** 18254906  
**Type of Operation:** Non-commercial Pleasure/Travel  
**Damage to Aircraft:** Substantial  
**Departure Point:** Mackay QLD  
**Departure Time:** 1000 EST  
**Destination:** Avoid Island QLD

**Crew Details:**

<b>Role</b>	<b>Class of Licence</b>	<b>Hours on Type</b>	<b>Hours Total</b>
Pilot-In-Command	Private	50.0	200

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The pilot stated that he noticed a large piece of timber on the runway in line with the nosewheel during the landing flare. Power was applied and the nose wheel was raised to avoid the timber. During the subsequent landing the nosewheel struck the runway prior to the mainwheels. After returning to Mackay, the aircraft was inspected by an engineer who discovered damage to the firewall.