

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report  
199403912**

**Boeing Co  
B727  
Unknown  
Helicopter**

**16 December 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.

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| <b>Occurrence Number:</b>    | 199403912               | <b>Occurrence Type:</b> | Incident |
| <b>Location:</b>             | 8km S Avalon            |                         |          |
| <b>State:</b>                | VIC                     | <b>Inv Category:</b>    | 4        |
| <b>Date:</b>                 | Friday 16 December 1994 |                         |          |
| <b>Time:</b>                 | 1520 hours              | <b>Time Zone</b>        | ESuT     |
| <b>Highest Injury Level:</b> | None                    |                         |          |

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|-------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-------|
| <b>Aircraft Manufacturer:</b> | Boeing Co              |                       |       |
| <b>Aircraft Model:</b>        | 727-277                |                       |       |
| <b>Aircraft Registration:</b> | VH-RMX                 | <b>Serial Number:</b> | 20551 |
| <b>Type of Operation:</b>     | Air Transport Training |                       |       |
| <b>Damage to Aircraft:</b>    | Nil                    |                       |       |
| <b>Departure Point:</b>       | Avalon VIC             |                       |       |
| <b>Departure Time:</b>        |                        |                       |       |
| <b>Destination:</b>           | Avalon VIC             |                       |       |

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|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| <b>Aircraft Manufacturer:</b> | Unknown                         |                       |  |
| <b>Aircraft Model:</b>        | Helicopter                      |                       |  |
| <b>Aircraft Registration:</b> |                                 | <b>Serial Number:</b> |  |
| <b>Type of Operation:</b>     | Air Transport Training Training |                       |  |
| <b>Damage to Aircraft:</b>    | Nil                             |                       |  |
| <b>Departure Point:</b>       |                                 |                       |  |
| <b>Departure Time:</b>        |                                 |                       |  |
| <b>Destination:</b>           |                                 |                       |  |

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VH-RMX was making touch-and-go landings at Avalon and was on the crosswind leg for runway 18 at an altitude of 1400 ft when the pilot reported a helicopter passing beneath him tracking in the opposite direction. Melbourne radar confirmed an aircraft squawking code 2100 half a mile inside the Avalon control zone tracking towards Geelong at 1100 ft.

The helicopter did not respond to calls and faded from radar 90 km southwest of Avalon.