

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
199201739**

**Hughes Helicopters
Hughes 300**

16 February 1992

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Occurrence Number: 199201739 **Occurrence Type:** Accident
Location: 70km N Warren
State: NSW **Inv Category:** 4
Date: Sunday 16 February 1992
Time: 1945 hours **Time Zone** ESuT
Highest Injury Level: None

Aircraft Manufacturer: Hughes Helicopters
Aircraft Model: 269C
Aircraft Registration: VH-THQ **Serial Number:** 380677
Type of Operation: Commercial Aerial Agriculture/Baiting
Damage to Aircraft: Substantial
Departure Point: Mt Harris
Departure Time: 1940 ESuT
Destination: Mt Harris

Crew Details:

Role	Class of Licence	Hours on Type	Hours Total
Pilot-In-Command	Commercial	300.0	8500

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The helicopter was engaged in spraying herbicide along levee banks. The pilot tracked the helicopter along the top of the banks to minimise spray drift onto adjoining cotton crops. It was necessary for the pilot to look monetarily behind the helicopter to check the spray drift. On looking forward the pilot noticed power lines immediately in front of the helicopter under the rotor disc. He said there was no time to take evasive action. After the collision with the power lines, control of the helicopter was lost and it impacted the left side of the levee bank.