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Cessna Aircraft Company C-152

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Occurrence Number: 199300566 Occurrence Type: Accident

Location: Armidale

State: NSW Inv Category: 4

Date: Sunday 21 March 1993

Time: 1020 hours Time Zone EST

Highest Injury Level: None

Aircraft Manufacturer: Cessna Aircraft Company

Aircraft Model: 152

Aircraft Registration: VH-LBJ Serial Number: 15283380

Type of Operation: Instructional Solo

Damage to Aircraft:SubstantialDeparture Point:Armidale NSWDeparture Time:1020 ESTDestination:Armidale NSW

Approved for Release: Wednesday, July 28, 1993

The student was conducting supervised solo circuits. Runway 09 was in use, with a wind of 090 degrees at 10 knots. During the third session of solo circuits the student approached the runway higher than normal. The aircraft was subsequently observed to contact the runway in a nose down attitude, the nosegear collapsed, and the propeller struck the runway.