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Boeing Co B737

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Occurrence Number: 199300743 Occurrence Type: Incident

**Location:** Launceston

State: TAS Inv Category: 4

**Date:** Friday 02 April 1993

**Time:** 1343 hours **Time Zone** EST

Highest Injury Level: None

**Aircraft** Boeing Co

Manufacturer:

Aircraft Model: 737-376

Aircraft Registration: VH-TJB Serial 24296

Number:

**Type of Operation:** Air Transport Domestic High Capacity Passenger

Scheduled

**Damage to Aircraft:** Nil

**Departure Point:** Launceston TAS

**Departure Time:** 1340 EST

**Destination:** Melbourne VIC

Approved for Release: Thursday, July 22, 1993

The initial clearance passed to the crew of VH-TJB was for cruise at FL 350. Sector 3E contacted Launceston Tower with an amendment for the aircraft to cruise at FL 330. After departure the crew reported on climb to FL 350.

The error happened because the Launceston Aerodrome Controller became pre-occupied with another task and omitted to pass the amended level details onto the crew. The situation was recognised and resolved before the aircraft reached FL 330.