

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report  
199300770**

**Cessna Aircraft Company  
Skyhawk  
Beech Aircraft Corp  
Travel Air**

**01 April 1993**

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**Occurrence Number:** 199300770      **Occurrence Type:** Incident  
**Location:** 4km N Casino NDB  
**State:** NSW      **Inv Category:** 4  
**Date:** Thursday 01 April 1993  
**Time:** 1215 hours      **Time Zone** EST  
**Highest Injury Level:** None

**Aircraft Manufacturer:** Cessna Aircraft Company  
**Aircraft Model:** 172N  
**Aircraft Registration:** VH-WSA      **Serial Number:** 17269299  
**Type of Operation:** Instructional Unknown  
**Damage to Aircraft:** Nil  
**Departure Point:** Coolangatta QLD  
**Departure Time:** 1102 EST  
**Destination:** Coolangatta QLD

**Aircraft Manufacturer:** Beech Aircraft Corp  
**Aircraft Model:** D95A  
**Aircraft Registration:** VH-CFQ      **Serial Number:** TD-594  
**Type of Operation:** Instructional Dual  
**Damage to Aircraft:** Nil  
**Departure Point:** Archerfield QLD  
**Departure Time:**  
**Destination:** Archerfield QLD

**Approved for Release:** Sunday, June 19, 1994

The pilot of VH-WSA was carrying out training at the Casino navaid. The pilot of VH-CFQ reported inbound to Casino, also for training at the navaid. VH-CFQ had arranged a 500 feet vertical separation with the pilot of VH-WSA. However, the pilot of VH-CFQ reported that the radio transmissions from VH-WSA were difficult to read and that he was not aware that VH-WSA also intended training at Casino. When he lost sight of VH-WSA the pilot of VH-CFQ assumed that VH-WSA had departed the area and continued descending. Both pilots next sighted each other when their aircraft passed nose to nose with about 100 metres lateral separation and with VH-CFQ at a slightly lower altitude.

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