

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
199301562**

**Boeing Co
B737-400**

30 May 1993

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Occurrence Number: 199301562 **Occurrence Type:** Incident
Location: 120km NE Ayers Rock
State: NT **Inv Category:** 4
Date: Sunday 30 May 1993
Time: 1245 hours **Time Zone** CST
Highest Injury Level: None

Aircraft Boeing Co
Manufacturer:
Aircraft Model: 737-476
Aircraft Registration: VH-TJQ **Serial Number:** 24442
Type of Operation: Air Transport Domestic High Capacity Passenger
Scheduled
Damage to Aircraft: Nil
Departure Point: Alice Springs NT
Departure Time: 1215 CST
Destination: Ayers Rock NT

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VH-TJQ was cleared to leave controlled area on descent into Ayers Rock. Traffic information on a Boeing 737 taxiing at Ayers Rock for Alice Springs had been passed to TJQ along with advice to contact Adelaide Control passing F200 on descent. TJQ was later told to contact Adelaide Control early because of the departure of the Boeing 737 from Ayers Rock. On contact with Adelaide Control, TJQ was asked to report leaving F200. This was done but the response from Adelaide Control was cut out by another transmission. Direct contact was made with the opposite direction Boeing 737 which was now maintaining F180. TJQ then maintained F190 until the other 737 was sighted about eight miles ahead.