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Cessna Aircraft Company 182E

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Occurrence Number: 199302038 Occurrence Type: Accident

Location: Dale River

State: WA Inv Category: 4

Date: Saturday 26 June 1993

Time: 1500 hours **Time Zone** WST

Highest Injury Level: None

Aircraft Manufacturer: Cessna Aircraft Company

Aircraft Model: 182E

Aircraft Registration: VH-DBT Serial Number: 18254061

Type of Operation: Miscellaneous Parachute Jump

Damage to Aircraft:SubstantialDeparture Point:Dale River WADeparture Time:1430 WSTDestination:Dale River WA

Crew Details:

	Hours on		
Role	Class of Licence	Type Hours Total	
Pilot-In-Command	Commercial	45.0	850

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The pilot noted the presence of sheep adjacent to the strip as he joined the circuit. When the aircraft was on final approach, the pilot did not see that the sheep had strayed onto the flight strip. Visibility was partially reduced by passing showers and the sheep were difficult to see due to their colouring being similar to that of the airstrip. The aircraft hit and killed 7 sheep.