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**Beech Aircraft Corp Super King Air** 

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Occurrence Number: 199302119 Occurrence Type: Incident

**Location:** Townsville

State: QLD Inv Category: 4

**Date:** Friday 16 July 1993

**Time:** 1909 hours **Time Zone** EST

Highest Injury Level: None

Aircraft Manufacturer: Beech Aircraft Corp

Aircraft Model: 200C

Aircraft Registration: VH-FDB Serial Number: BL-26

**Type of Operation:** Non-commercial Aerial Ambulance

Damage to Aircraft: Nil

**Departure Point:** Julia Creek QLD

**Departure Time:** 1910 EST

**Destination:** Townsville QLD

**Approved for Release:** Tuesday, April 5, 1994

Once airborne from the departure runway, the landing gear was selected up. However the gear did not complete the up cycle and the intransit light remained on. All subsequent attempts to cycle or extend the gear were unsuccessful. During the subsequent landing roll the gear collapsed.

Examination of the landing gear found that gear teeth had broken off the left main actuator crown wheel. Parts of the teeth were imbedded in the pinion gear. A similar type aircraft type in the operator's fleet was also found to have cracking around teeth in one of the landing gear crown wheels.

The CAA Airworthiness section advise that the manufacturer is aware of similar problems elsewhere and is currently undertaking remedial action.