

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report  
199901643**

**Cessna Aircraft Company  
Cutlass  
Cessna Aircraft Company  
Cessna Skyhawk**

**11 April 1999**

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**Occurrence Number:** 199901643                      **Occurrence Type:** Incident  
**Location:** Canberra, Aerodrome  
**State:** ACT    **Inv Category:** 4  
**Date:** Sunday 11 April 1999  
**Time:** 1028 hours                                      **Time Zone** EST  
**Highest Injury Level:** None

**Aircraft Manufacturer:** Cessna Aircraft Company  
**Aircraft Model:** 172M  
**Aircraft Registration:** VH-MGZ                      **Serial Number:** 17266694  
**Type of Operation:** Non-commercial Pleasure/Travel  
**Damage to Aircraft:** Nil  
**Departure Point:** Canberra ACT  
**Departure Time:**  
**Destination:** Tumut NSW

**Aircraft Manufacturer:** Cessna Aircraft Company  
**Aircraft Model:** 172RG  
**Aircraft Registration:** VH-CSH                      **Serial Number:** 172RG0692  
**Type of Operation:** Miscellaneous Unknown  
**Damage to Aircraft:** Nil  
**Departure Point:** Unknown  
**Departure Time:**  
**Destination:** Canberra ACT

**Approved for Release:** Friday, April 16, 1999

The pilot of VH-MGZ was instructed to taxi for runway 30 and to hold short of runway 35. The aircraft was later observed approaching the holding point and taxiing at a considerable speed. The pilot was instructed to stop immediately. The aircraft came to a halt just within the flight strip of runway 35. VH-CSN was sent around from short final approach.

The pilot reported that he had been distracted by his preparation for a navigation exercise and by the two passengers on board his aircraft.

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