

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
199800447**

**Boeing Co
B747-238B**

02 February 1998

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Occurrence Number: 199800447 **Occurrence Type:** Incident
Location: 800km NE Sydney, Aerodrome
State: NSW **Inv Category:** 4
Date: Monday 02 February 1998
Time: 0640 hours **Time Zone** ESuT
Highest Injury Level: None

Aircraft Boeing Co
Manufacturer:
Aircraft Model: 747-238B
Aircraft Registration: VH-EBQ **Serial** 22145
Number:
Type of Operation: Air Transport High Capacity International Passenger
Scheduled
Damage to Aircraft: Nil
Departure Point: Honalulu Hawiia USA
Departure Time: 2201 ESuT
Destination: Sydney NSW

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The cabin service manager came to the flight deck to advise the pilot in command of an intoxicated passenger who was in the galley and making intimidating threats towards three flight attendants. The pilot in command was then advised that the passenger had punched two other passengers.

A short time later, the pilot in command was informed that a female passenger was alleging that she had been indecently assaulted by the passenger. The pilot in command directed that the passenger be restrained and requested that Police meet the aircraft on arrival at Sydney.

On arrival at Sydney, the passenger was arrested, charged with assault and subsequently sentenced to 6 months jail.

