

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report  
199805541**

**Saab Aircraft AB  
340**

**10 December 1998**

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**Occurrence Number:** 199805541                      **Occurrence Type:** Incident  
**Location:** Lismore, Aerodrome  
**State:** NSW    **Inv Category:** 4  
**Date:** Thursday 10 December 1998  
**Time:** 0640 hours                                      **Time Zone**                      ESuT  
**Highest Injury Level:** None

**Aircraft Manufacturer:** Saab Aircraft AB  
**Aircraft Model:** SF-340B  
**Aircraft Registration:** VH-OLN    **Serial Number:** 207  
**Type of Operation:** Air Transport Domestic Low Capacity Passenger Scheduled  
**Damage to Aircraft:** Nil  
**Departure Point:** Lismore NSW  
**Departure Time:** 0640 ESuT  
**Destination:** Casino NSW

**Approved for Release:** Friday, December 11, 1998

During the take off ground roll at approximately 90 kts, the left engine ingested a Galah and the gas producer (Ng) speed reduced to below 60% accompanied by the ignition light illuminating. Power was reduced and the take off was discontinued.

Maintenance investigation found a bird carcass and feathers partially blocking the engine air intake. After removal and inspection for damage, ground runs were carried out to verify engine performance parameters, and the aircraft was returned to service.

