

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report  
199702796**

**Boeing Co  
B737-400**

**27 August 1997**

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**Occurrence Number:** 199702796                      **Occurrence Type:** Incident  
**Location:** 60km SE Brisbane, Aerodrome  
**State:** QLD    **Inv Category:** 4  
**Date:** Wednesday 27 August 1997  
**Time:** 2025 hours                                      **Time Zone** EST  
**Highest Injury Level:** None

**Aircraft** Boeing Co  
**Manufacturer:**  
**Aircraft Model:** 737-476  
**Aircraft Registration:** VH-TJL                                      **Serial Number:** 24437  
**Type of Operation:** Air Transport Domestic High Capacity Passenger  
Scheduled  
**Damage to Aircraft:** Nil  
**Departure Point:** Sydney NSW  
**Departure Time:**  
**Destination:** Brisbane QLD

**Approved for Release:** Tuesday, September 2, 1997

### **Circumstances**

The aircraft was on descent towards Brisbane via Jacobs Well. The crew reported seeing glare from what they believed was a laser light east of the Brisbane - Gold Coast highway near the Gold Coast.

The light was not known to CASA. Consequently, there was no NOTAM concerning the light. CASA advised that it had also received a report concerning the light from a helicopter operator and intends to conduct a night flight to determine the position of the light and then proceed with NOTAM or other action as appropriate.

