

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report  
199702825**

**Boeing Co  
B737-400**

**01 September 1997**

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**Occurrence Number:** 199702825                      **Occurrence Type:** Incident  
**Location:** Brisbane, Aerodrome  
**State:** QLD    **Inv Category:** 4  
**Date:** Monday 01 September 1997  
**Time:** 1910 hours                                      **Time Zone** EST  
**Highest Injury Level:** None

**Aircraft** Boeing Co  
**Manufacturer:**  
**Aircraft Model:** 737-476  
**Aircraft Registration:** VH-TJN                                      **Serial Number:** 24439  
**Type of Operation:** Air Transport Domestic High Capacity Passenger  
Scheduled  
**Damage to Aircraft:** Nil  
**Departure Point:** Brisbane QLD  
**Departure Time:**  
**Destination:** Melbourne VIC

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### Circumstances

A B737 pilot reported that the crew believed they were taxiing behind an A300 aircraft and were surprised to observe a Metro aircraft between the A300 and their aircraft. The Metro appeared unlit except for its fin-mounted rotating beacon. The B737 taxi lights were on but these lights are comparatively low intensity. The Metro operator advised that the white position light on the tail of the aircraft was defective. This would have made the Metro less conspicuous to the B737 crew. The B737 operator is considering the use of inboard landing lights in addition to taxi lights during night taxiing operations.