

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
199501689**

**British Aerospace Plc
BAe 146-300**

01 June 1995

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The Bureau did not conduct an on scene investigation of this occurrence. The information presented below was obtained from information supplied to the Bureau.

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| Occurrence Number: 199501689 | Occurrence Type: Incident |
| Location: 36km S Maroochydore/Sunshine Coast, Aerodrome | |
| State: QLD | Inv Category: 4 |
| Date: Thursday 01 June 1995 | |
| Time: 1345 hours | Time Zone: EST |
| Highest Injury Level: None | |
| Aircraft Manufacturer: British Aerospace Plc | |
| Aircraft Model: BAe 146-300 | |
| Aircraft Registration: VH-EWL | Serial Number: E3177 |
| Type of Operation: Air Transport Domestic High Capacity Passenger Scheduled | |
| Damage to Aircraft: Nil | |
| Departure Point: Sydney NSW | |
| Departure Time: | |
| Destination: Maroochydore QLD | |

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The pilot reported that, on approaching top of descent, the flight attendants noticed smoke coming from the rear toilet.

Investigation revealed a small fire in the rear toilet waste bin. The fire was extinguished by crew using water and BCF fire extinguishers. A normal approach and landing was carried out at Maroochydore.

Passengers were subsequently interviewed by Queensland Police but neither the cause of the fire nor the person responsible could not be identified.

The burnt material appeared to be a small quantity of rolled up tissue paper.