

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
199301735**

**Boeing Co
B737**

07 June 1993

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Occurrence Number: 199301735 **Occurrence Type:** Incident
Location: Sydney NSW
State: NSW **Inv Category:** 4
Date: Monday 07 June 1993
Time: 0720 hours **Time Zone:** EST
Highest Injury Level: None

Aircraft Manufacturer: Boeing Co
Aircraft Model: 737-376
Aircraft Registration: VH-TAF **Serial Number:** 23477
Type of Operation: Air Transport Domestic High Capacity Passenger
Scheduled
Damage to Aircraft: Nil
Departure Point: Sydney NSW
Departure Time: 0720 EST
Destination: Melbourne NSW

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The Boeing 737 (VH-TAF) had been cleared to taxi to and hold short of runway 16. Approaching the hold point at runway 16, the pilot switched to Tower frequency and advised that he was ready. The controller replied with 'Good morning'. Mistaking this transmission for 'line up' the pilot proceeded onto the runway. As he taxied across the hold line he noticed a light aircraft about 2-3 NM on final approach to runway 16 and heard the tower controller clear the aircraft to land. The pilot then asked the controller to confirm that he had been given clearance to lineup. The controller responded in the negative and cleared VH-TAF for an immediate takeoff.

The landing clearance of VH-XLA was cancelled and the pilot advised to continue the approach. After VH-TAF became airborne, VH-XLA was cleared to land.