



Transcript

Preliminary report into the collision with terrain involving Cessna 172S, VH-EWE, near Moorabbin Airport, Victoria, on 8 June 2018

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“The ATSB investigation so far has found that the Cessna 172S aircraft departed from Moorabbin Airport at about 4pm, following scheduled maintenance. Around an hour later, the aircraft was on approach to land back at Moorabbin when it suffered an engine failure and collided with terrain, just to the south of the runway. The pilot, who was the only person on board, was fatally injured as a result of the accident.”

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“While on approach to land, the pilot broadcast a MAYDAY call to air traffic control stating that he had an engine failure. Shortly after that, the aircraft was observed in a descending left turn, from a low altitude. CCTV footage confirmed the aircraft initially came into contact with a power line then fence, prior to coming to rest against a parked car on a residential street.

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“The ATSB’s on-site examination found that the damage to the propeller was consistent with it not producing power at the time of impact. An examination of the engine also found that there was no evidence of any mechanical failure. The ATSB has retained a number of components, including those associated with the fuel system, for further examination.”

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“A final report will be released at the conclusion of our investigation. However, if critical safety issues are identified during the course of the investigation, we will immediately notify the relevant parties so appropriate safety action can be taken.”¹⁸

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