



Two men survive helicopter crash in Cape York in far north Queensland

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Photo: The helicopter crashed about 56 kilometres from the Archer River Roadhouse on Sunday. (Emergency Management Qld)

Two men have been found alive after their helicopter crashed in remote far north Queensland.

The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) launched a search for the two men on board the Robinson R-44 helicopter after it failed to land at the Mareeba airport, west of Cairns on Saturday night.

The 39-year-old pilot and 33-year-old passenger were found just before 5:00pm (AEST) yesterday at the crash site, about 56 kilometres from the Archer River Roadhouse, where they had taken off.

Brad Allan from the Archer River Roadhouse said the pilot had been fishing in the area and had lunch there before they took off.

AMSA combed a 765-square kilometre area between the Archer River in Cape York and Mareeba.

The men were located by a passing plane.

An AMSA spokesman said the men were "alive and well".

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