

Inverell plane crash: three injured as aircraft comes down near airport

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GTwo people were critically injured when a light plane crashed at Inverell Airport. Source: Google images

THREE people injured in a light plane crash in north-west NSW are all from the same family.

Inverell GP Mark Harding was piloting the family's Cessna 210 this afternoon, with his wife and 18-year-old daughter as passengers when the aircraft plummeted to the ground shortly after take-off.

It is understood the trio were heading to Brisbane when disaster struck.

The plane crashed just east of the airport in the Clive State Forest.

Dr Harding suffered serious injuries, while his wife, who is thought to be in her fifties, sustained burns to more than 70 per cent of her body.

Their daughter escaped with only minor injuries.

A friend of the family said she had been told the situation with Dr Harding's wife was "precarious".

Meanwhile, Australian Transport Safety Bureau investigators will be deployed to the crash site tomorrow morning.

An ATSB spokeswoman said the team of four would include a licensed aircraft mechanical engineer.

There is no indication yet of whether the plane crashed due to mechanical failure or for some other reason.

Records of the Harding's Cessna show it was built in 1980, with Dr Harding commencing its registration in September, 2012.

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