

Light plane crashes in river in Sydney's Nattai National Park



Photo: The plane crashed into a river after engine failure. (ABC News)

Two people have been rescued from a light plane crash in a national park near Camden in Sydney's south-west.

The plane came down in a river near Burragorang Road, at Nattai National Park, after what the pilot described as a sudden engine failure.

Neither the pilot nor his passenger were seriously hurt and both were winched to safety by a NSW Ambulance helicopter and flown to Bankstown Airport.

The pilot said he was forced to attempt an emergency landing after the engine failed.

"We just had a bit of a problem with the engine," he said.

"We were basically over the mountain and ... we had a complete engine failure without warning."

Police received reports the small Jamaroo plane had come down about 3:15pm.

"Emergency services immediately commenced a search for the aircraft, locating it in bushland in the Nattai Conservation Park," a NSW Police statement said.

"Two people travelling in the plane were winched to safety by a NSW Ambulance helicopter.

"The plane remains in situ, partly submerged in a river in the national park."

The national park is home to dense bushland, rugged hiking trails and sandstone cliffs.

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