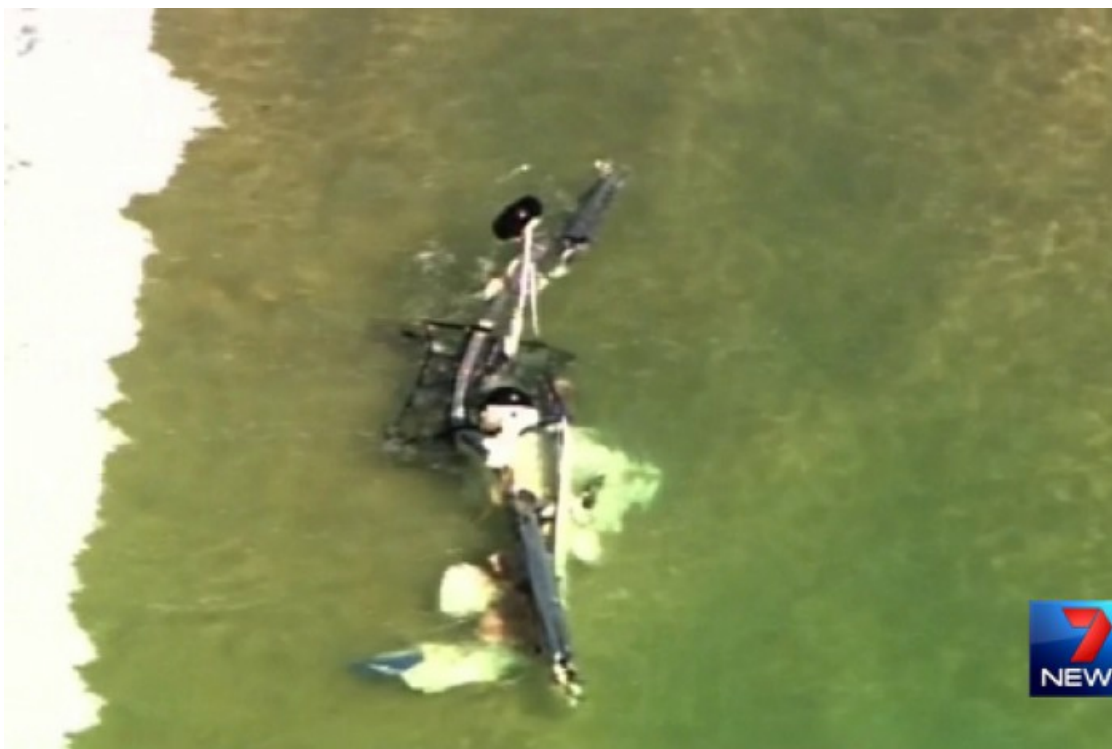


Pilot dead after light aircraft crashes off North Stradbroke Island

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[Photo: Wreckage of what appears to be a light aircraft has been spotted washed up on North Stradbroke Island by a media helicopter. \(Supplied: Channel 7 and Channel 9\)](#)

The pilot and sole occupant of an ultra light aircraft which crashed into the ocean off North Stradbroke Island has been found dead.

An Australian Maritime Safety Authority spokesman confirmed the aircraft was a two-seater and the male pilot was the only person on board.

He took off from Dunwich on the western side of North Stradbroke Island about 10:00am but his intended destination was unknown.

Earlier, a Queensland Police Service (QPS) spokesman said the crashed aircraft had the capacity to carry six people, but they could not confirm how were on board at the time of the crash.

At least four helicopters were tasked to the waters about eight kilometres south-east off Point Lookout about 11:30am after a distress beacon was activated.

Since then, images snapped from a jointly-funded Channel 7 and 9 helicopter showed what appeared to be aircraft wreckage in the water.

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