

Helicopter pilot suffers serious injuries in crash near Deloraine



Photo: The helicopter clipped power lines before crashing on a property near Deloraine. (ABC News: Sallèse Gibson)

A helicopter pilot has suffered serious injuries in a crash in northern Tasmania.

Police said the man was spraying crops when the helicopter clipped a power line and crashed into a paddock on Long Ridge Road in Deloraine just after 12:30pm on Wednesday.

The 37-year-old pilot was flying solo when the accident happened.

He was taken to Launceston General Hospital with broken bones and facial cuts and is in a serious but stable condition.

Senior Constable Nick Crawford said the man could have neck injuries.

"We suspect neck injuries but that's still to be determined," he said.

"He's very lucky. As you can see, there's not much left of the helicopter."

Senior Constable Nick Crawford said police would investigate the cause.

"Whether it's mechanical or driver error, we wouldn't comment at this stage - we'd have to investigate."

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