

Plane crashes off Fraser Island, two survivors swim to shore

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Photo: The submerged wreckage of the light plane that crashed into the ocean off Fraser Island. (ABC News)

A light plane has crashed into the ocean off the coast of Fraser Island in southern Queensland.

Emergency crews were called to Happy Valley at about 1:30pm and said the pilot and passenger managed to swim ashore, where paramedics were waiting for them.

They were briefly assessed for minor injuries.

A rescue helicopter picked them up from Fraser Island and is flying them to a hospital on the mainland.

The Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB) is yet to decide whether it will investigate the crash.

"The ATSB has been notified of a reported ditching of a Cessna 206 light aircraft near Fraser Island, Queensland," a spokesperson said.

"The ATSB is gathering further information into the circumstances of the occurrence ahead of determining whether to conduct a transport safety investigation."

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