

Weather Caused Air Crash in NG

CANBERRA: While flying an authorised courier flight between Lae and Port Moresby via Milne Bay an RAAF Dakota transport plane crashed into Milne Bay on September 11.

An RAAF Court of Inquiry reported today that the accident had been caused by the rapid deterioration of weather conditions at Milne Bay.

The accident occurred shortly after taking off from Milne Bay.

The Court found the aircraft was fully serviceable at the time, and there was no evidence to indicate that mechanical defects developed during the flight.

Subsequent searches revealed small portions of wreckage, but none of the 13 bodies had been recovered, and the occupants have been posted as missing, believed killed.

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