Synopsis

On the afternoon of 31 December 2017, the pilot and five passengers of a de Havilland Canada DHC-2 Beaver floatplane, registered VH-NOO, boarded the aircraft for a return charter flight from Cottage Point to Rose Bay, New South Wales. Shortly after take-off, the aircraft conducted a 270° right turn in Cowan Water and then entered Jerusalem Bay, below the height of the terrain. The aircraft stopped climbing, continued along the bay and then made a very steep right turn. The aircraft's nose then dropped and the aircraft collided with the water. All on board were fatally injured and the aircraft destroyed.