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A company which failed to properly service a helicopter that later crashed has been ordered to pay the injured pilot more than \$1.7 million.

Archie Stephen St Clair, 52, was mustering cattle at Curtin Springs Station in the Northern Territory in June 1994 when his helicopter lost power.

When it crashed he suffered severe injuries including multiple bone fractures.

Mr St Clair spent a lengthy period in hospital and rehabilitation, and still has great difficulty walking, sleeping and maintaining a normal life.

He launched civil action in the Supreme Court in Brisbane against the owners of the helicopter, which had been leased to his employer.

Mr St Clair also sued Aircraft Technicians of Australia (ATA), alleging they had botched a service on the helicopter in 1993.


The case was heard in March, with Justice Glenn Martin finding on Friday that ATA had breached its duty of care by not replacing a non-standard bearing in the helicopter, which ultimately led to the crash.

Justice Martin ordered ATA pay Mr St Clair \$1.73 million in damages.

He dismissed the claim against the owners of the helicopter.

Mr St Clair currently works as a sculptor in the US state of Texas.

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