

Flood caused 'saucer' reeds to die

BRISBANE, Wednesday. — The reeds in northern Queensland's "flying saucer nests" died of natural causes, according to the Queensland University's botany department.

The reader in botany, Dr R. F. Langdon, said tonight a series of examinations by the department had shown that the reeds appeared to have died from submersion in swamp water.

"It appears these reeds were in a low lying section which had been flooded during the recent rains," he said.

"This immersion caused the reeds to die.

"The examinations revealed no evidence of parasitic infestation, nor any evidence of burning."

Dr Langdon said the find-

ings could not be conclusive because more information would be required for answer," he added.

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The reeds were examined after a report by a Tully farmer that he saw a mysterious object take off from a swamp in the Tully area last Thursday.

Three of the "nests" were found in the district.