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NIGHT LIGHT NOT QUITE RIGHT

SALE. — What Heyfield's sanitary collectors saw in a paddock at 3.30 a.m. has set off an RAAF inquiry.

It happened on Wednesday when their truck broke down 1½ miles from Heyfield on the Sale Rd.

Gavin Whelan and his helper, Ian Lord of Mafra, said they were thinking about getting a tow when they saw a string of red lights approaching.

"But when it didn't come closer, we got up on the truck bonnet and saw it was an object in a paddock. It had a row of red lights and a dome with a light on top," Mr Whelan said today.

"Ian said, 'let's get the hell out of here.'

"Later on Wednesday, I went to the paddock with my wife, Valerie, and her brother, Steve, and his wife Jeanette.

"We found the area of dock grass wilted as if it had been sprayed with poison."

On Thursday morning at 4.40 on their collection round, Whelan and Lord saw more lights moving above ground level.

The men did not tell about their sighting until today for fear of ridicule.