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## ~~SAULTING~~ UFO competition

Between Victoria and New South Wales it has always been a case of anything you can do we can do better.

As the citizens of Taree, north of Sydney, were flocking bleary-eyed to view the pre-breakfast appearance of their "mysterious space object," Victorians were learning, through the august pages of "The Age," that they too had a mysterious flying object of their very own, in the sky over Gippsland.

Taree's UFO is described as a fiery red silver bubble. It has had Taree "under surveillance" for the last month and has attracted visitors from far and near, not least the full force of the Sydney metropolitan media men, who en masse ought to be enough to frighten off any visitors from outer space.

Mrs Trixie Kemp, a waitress at a Taree hotel, was reported as being worried about what "they might do to our children." Other more blasé Taree citizens expressed themselves thoroughly bored with the whole affair.

Victoria's phenomenon, a blue-and-silver, red-rimmed object, is said by "The Age" to be terrifying animals and scaring the locals of Traralgon. It was first sighted at Sheepwash Creek.

It is obvious that the creatures from space have realised that it's no good trying to scare the wits out of the earthly city populations.

Not that they're likely to think city inhabitants are any more sophisticated than those of Taree and Traralgon; just that they seem to have been reliably informed that even an interplanetary dazzling silver ball could never hope to penetrate Australia's urban smogs.