

● In PERTH today, the state emergency service was organising an aerial search for a mystery space object which is thought to have landed near Scaddan, 928 km south-east of Perth.

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# Daylight <sup>OCT 9.</sup> 1979.

The object was seen in daylight passing over Esperance as a fiery ball with a long burning tail.

People 80 km away said they heard a big explosion shortly after the object was seen over Esperance.

The SES co-ordinator, Mr Phil Arlidge, said today he hoped to start an aerial search tomorrow.

He was busy plotting the object's course.

Mr Arlidge said he had received reports from nine people.

Two women, who lived about 30 km apart, had both reported hearing an explosion.

One of the women lived at Scaddan and the other at Circle Valley, about 80 km north of Esperance.

"At first I thought it was going to be just another meteorite," Mr Arlidge said.

"But it was too low, moving too slowly and was travelling too parallel to the ground.

"I have been in touch with the SES headquarters in Perth and they said there was nothing in the area at the time that could account for the object."

Three schoolchildren from a farm at Gibson Soak also reported sighting the object skimming over pine trees.