

UFO with 'fins and fair bit of red paint'

ADELAIDE: RAAF officials will investigate reports that an unidentified flying object crashed into the sea on Saturday near Victor Harbour.

The object was unofficially logged as a

meteorite by the RAAF at the Edinburgh air base.

The object was seen by dozens of people throughout the State's south-east, including Kingston and Mount Gambier, and in parts of western Victoria.

One witness, Thornleigh farmer Mr Neil Sutherland, told police that the object looked like a rocket, with a propeller-like device at the rear, fins "and a fair bit of red paint".

He described the fast-moving tube-shaped object as "much bigger than a family car".

Beachport resident Mr Gary Chambers said he

Gary Chambers said he had seen the object for only a few seconds as it came down.

"It looked like a falling star, but in broad daylight," he said. "It was very high up. I thought it burnt-up above the horizon."

A spokesman for the Department of Defence, Major Andy Reynolds, said the RAAF would investigate the reports, as it did with every UFO sighting.

"The RAAF will have to do a lot of leg work by the looks of things, going on the number of sourced and unsourced comments on the matter," he said.

"But it all seems extremely loose at the moment."