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Local claims encounter with 'object from the sky'

A BRISBANE man has claimed to have seen a UFO similar to that allegedly seen by a West Australian family this week.

Mr Ron Warman read newspaper reports of the Knowles family's claims of an encounter with what was described as a UFO, while driving across the Nullarbor Plain.

Mr Warman, 56, said that last October he and four friends were returning from a Saturday night dance at Samsonvale, outside Brisbane.

About 1 am, they were driving along a road between Samsonvale and Petrie.

"This object came down from the sky," Mr Warman said. "It was white with a yellow centre and came straight

at the windscreen."

The "light" went over the top of the car and disappeared.

He said he did not report the encounter as he thought people would think he was mad.

RAAF and Brisbane airport air traffic control spokesmen said there were no reports of UFOs that Saturday night or early Sunday morning.

In Adelaide a second tuna boat crew yesterday reported sighting a UFO in the Great Australian Bight.

In Canberra, a spokesman for the Defence Department said the area of the alleged UFO sighting was out of the range of radar at the nearest RAAF base to the scene at Edinburgh on the northern outskirts of Adelaide.