

# UFO 'chases' Nullarbor bus

By Nigel Hunt

An unidentified flying object has terrified a driver and several passengers on a bus on the Nullarbor Plain near the SA-WA border.

The bus driver said today a "bright light" had followed him for about 10km as he travelled at high speed to escape.

The light was about 3m in diameter and had no distinguishable features.

Ansett Pioneer bus driver, Mr Peter Chapman, said he was near Mundrabilla, 70km east of the border, about 1am Monday, when the incident happened. The reported sighting is in the same area where a similar incident involving a

## Light terrified me, says driver

Perth family occurred in January.

During that incident, the Knowles family claimed its car was followed at speeds of up to 200km/h and lifted by a bright light.

A still-shaken Mr Chapman said today the incident had "scared the life" out of him.

"I was just driving along when all of a sudden the light appeared on the right of the bus about 150m away. I kept on driving and we came level with it and then went past it," he said.

Mr Chapman said the bright light ap-

peared to be hovering about 20m above the ground when his bus drove past it.

"When we were past it, the thing zoomed in and followed the bus," he said.

"I realised it was following and put my foot down to get away from it but it just kept following the bus.

"This lasted for about 10km until it went away.

"We did not know what was going on or what was going to happen. I didn't believe in UFOs before, but I sure do now."

Mr Chapman said about five other passengers on the bus also witnessed the bizarre incident.

"I have been driving across the plain for four years and this is the first time I have seen anything like that," he said.

"I hesitated about coming forward because I know how sceptical people can be. I only decided to tell police about it after my friends convinced me to do so."

Ansett Pioneer general manager, Mr Peter Cosh, said Mr Chapman was "an extremely reliable" driver.

Mr Chapman reported his sighting to police at Eucla, on the border.

Officer in charge of Eucla police, Sgt George Johanssen, said he believed the report was genuine and authentic.