

RAAF targets an 'object' seen in Canberra's morning sky

The RAAF is investigating the sighting of an unusual object in the sky over Canberra yesterday.

The object — “so bright it hurt your eyes to look at it” — was captured on video by Ljubica Ivanisevic, of Kambah, after her husband spotted it and dragged her out of bed about 5.15am.

Zoran Ivanisevic said he had an open mind about UFOs and did not claim it was “a flying saucer”. He just wanted someone to tell him what it was.

He said the object remained stationary for “about five minutes”.

It was larger and brighter than a star, but smaller than the moon.

It was much closer to earth than the stars and had two “beams” of light projecting “sideways” (parallel with the horizon).

He had not really thought there was anything mysterious about the light until he played the video.

As the camera closed in on the light it focused on a large, almost round object with a “cog-shaped” hole in the centre, and two “bites” out of the top and bottom.

“I am not saying it was a UFO, but it was something,” he said. “I would be glad to see some opinion from an expert.”

The Canberra Times tried to contact some experts yesterday.

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The cloud over Canberra began



The Ivanisevics at home last night.

to move in about then, but the sky over Kambah might still have been, as Mr Ivanisevic said, clear.

Air-traffic control at Canberra airport could not comment on local air traffic at the time.

The Australian Federal Police was not aware of any reports of unusual objects.

The RAAF duty officer, asked for the air force's UFO investigator, took the Ivanisevic family's phone number and said someone would contact them on Monday.

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An hour later he said he had "not necessarily" said someone would contact them at all — "We

have a form — I've just filled in the form that goes to a higher authority and what happens from there I just don't know".

He did not know what the "higher authority" was.

Immediately after that conversation, Izabela Ivanisevic, 20, reported that someone from the RAAF had phoned "about an hour ago".

"He was very interested in it," she said. "He wanted the straight facts: time, position, that sort of thing. They're coming on Monday."

— CATHERINE WARRY