

## A UFO expert hopes she's wrong

**SYDNEY:** The British author of 14 books on unidentified flying objects hopes aliens do not exist.

If extraterrestrial beings existed, people had no more control over their future than animals, Jenny Randles said after addressing Australia's first international unidentified flying object conference at the weekend.

"There's no doubt that if the extraterrestrial hypothesis is correct, then the phenomenon is the ruling force," she said.

"We are not in control of it — it is in control of us.

"Effectively, we are in the position of animals in the wild who are in the hands of human beings for their fu-

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ture preservation. They can't save themselves. If they get wiped out, they get wiped out because of things we do, maybe not even intentionally.

"Consequently, another intelligence could effectively do really bad things to the human race, either consciously or unconsciously. It is beyond us, it is at that level of difference from us, as we are from the animal kingdom, and that is what's frightening."

Ms Randles was one of a series of international speakers on Saturday, the first day of the weekend conference. Others included a United States research leader, Jerome Clark, and a former astronaut, Brian O'Leary.

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other "Ufologists" were trying desperately to prove that alien life did not exist, but the only explanation that worked "even reasonably well" was that it did.

"It is a terrifying prospect, because we appear to be virtually pawns in the hands of it," she said. "The point is, when you try and make every other possible explanation fit, you are, in some way, contriving it."

Most reported incidents had simple, mundane explanations, she said, but perhaps 20,000 cases had survived intense scrutiny by clinical psychologists, psychiatrists, sociologists, physicists and others.

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Stories of people abducted by aliens indicated that alien life was toying with humanity.

"What they are attempting to do is study us, often in both psychological and physiological fashions, performing, if you like, sampling operations, medical examinations, things like that, and also psychological probing.

"Secondly, what they're trying to do is to direct our society by subtle intervention, in other words by allowing us to try to make the changes . . .

"So people who have been abducted are of the impression they've been subtly implanted with tasks to perform, unaware of the purposes themselves."

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