

'UFO' in Canberra skies

MELBOURNE: A mysterious egg-shaped, bright orange light has been seen in the sky over Canberra and Brisbane only days after similar sightings over Adelaide and Melbourne.

On Friday night nearly a dozen people called the UFO Hotline, which monitors reports of unidentified flying objects, to report the new sightings, according to hotline operator Ross Dowe.

It was first seen in Queensland and an hour later over Canberra by a systems engineer who did not want to be named.

Mr Dowe said three different callers reported seeing an egg-shaped object with a gold and orange-yellow hue in the area of Karana Downs, in Brisbane's western suburbs, just after 9pm on Friday.

Warren Wex, a private investigator who saw the object, said the egg-shaped light came from the north, travelled across the sky, then disappeared suddenly and became a series of dots.

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ABOUT AN HOUR later the hotline received seven calls from people saying they had seen a similar bright orange light hovering over Canberra.

The systems engineer said he and three family members saw such an object over O'Connor at about 9.40pm.

"It was a bright orange light which varied in intensity, moving from west to east towards the airport," he said.

"But it didn't look like a plane, it didn't move steadily enough to be a plane, and it was far brighter than a plane. We know that we have seen something we never saw before."

Mr Dowe said with sightings so close together in time, but far apart in distance, there was little chance they could be a hoax. About 20 sightings of a similar nature were reported to the hotline in Melbourne and Adelaide over the past few days.