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Hundreds of people claiming to have seen a mysterious egg-shaped, bright orange light in the sky over Brisbane and Canberra last week.

Ross Dowe, a UFO hotline operator, said the service, which monitors reports of unusual aerial sightings, had been inundated with calls from people reporting the phenomena.

This was only days after similar sightings in Adelaide and Melbourne.

"Most people had two or three other people with them at the time which makes it hundreds of people who are saying they have seen it," Mr Dowe said.

He said callers from around Brisbane and across the ACT reported seeing an egg-shaped object with a white and orange yellow hue on Friday night.

Three different callers reported seeing the object in the area of Karana Downs, in Brisbane's western suburbs, just after 11 pm on Friday.

About an hour later the hotline received seven calls from people saying they had seen a similar bright orange light hovering over Canberra.

Mr Dowe said with sightings so close together in time, but far apart in distance, there was little chance they could be a hoax.