

Lights fuel UFO speculation

THE sudden disappearance of strange lights from skies over The Grampians has fuelled worldwide interest from UFO researchers.

Australian UFO Research Network spokesman Paul Norman said the glowing lights had been seen from Reid's Lookout for two years until two aircraft apparently broke the speed of sound in the area on June 16.

"This surprise military activity had raised interest in the UFO subject to a level greater than I had previously found anywhere in the world," Mr Norman said.

Although there was apparently no official Notice to Airmen to signify military aerial exer-

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cises, Mr Norman said many local people had seen and heard the aircraft.

"It was pointed out to me that the flight path of the jets was directly over the valley where the UFO activity has been taking place for at least two years, without interruption."

Mr Norman said he recently visited the area near Halls Gap and for the first time in two years did not see any UFO ac-

tivity. He said yesterday that the reports of glowing lights had resumed only last week.

The flight of the aircraft and the sudden disappearance of the glowing lights produced tangible evidence of intelligent awareness — "a response to a perceived threat," he said.

UFO researchers had previously tried experiments such as shining laser beams and spotlight flashes towards the lights, he said. These did not deter the lights and on some occasions the objects had responded to flashes with the same number of blinks.

Mr Norman said the society would continue to monitor the area.