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Heavenly flash no UFO

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A BRIGHT object flashing across the night sky over Western Australia and the Northern Territory was believed to have been falling space junk rather than a UFO, astronomers at Perth Observatory said yesterday.

Astronomer Peter Birch said the slow-moving object had been "breaking up and burning up" as it entered the atmosphere. "At this stage, whether it's a large meteor burning up or a re-entering spacecraft is uncertain," Mr Birch said.

Fiona Higgins from Alice Springs told the ABC: "It was so spectacular, something I've never seen before. I've seen shooting stars before but this was, like, 110 times brighter and prettier than that."
