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## Brockovich leads suit



RESIDENTS living near Alcoa's Wagerup alumina refinery in Western Australia have filed a huge lawsuit – led by U.S. health crusader Erin Brockovich, left.

The mining giant is accused of knowingly, negligently and recklessly operating its factory and poisoning surrounding communities with toxic emissions. The Wagerup refinery is 125km south of Perth.

Sick residents claim they suffer from cancers, heart complications, sinus and skin problems as a result of pollution, and it has even caused death.

Lawyers working with Ms Brockovich – made famous in the Hollywood movie starring Julia Roberts – filed the class action on behalf of residents.