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Erin joins WA health fight



Star recruit: American anti-pollution campaigner Erin Brockovich in Perth with Cameron Auxer one of the Yarloop residents she is considering defending.

US environmental campaigner Erin Brockovich has joined West Australian residents to examine the merits of a court case against mining giant Alcoa.

About 160 Yarloop residents have complained of respiratory problems, skin irritation, sore throats and eyes, extreme fatigue, mental dysfunction, stomach upset, bleeding noses, cancers and organ failure in the past

11 years. They claim emissions from Alcoa's Wagerup refinery are causing the ill effects.

Ms Brockovich, whose environmental campaign against a Californian mining company was made famous by Julia Roberts in the Hollywood movie *Erin Brockovich*, agreed to review the case after receiving an email from a Yarloop resident.