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Crusader here to conquer confusion



LEGAL EAGLE: Environmental champion Erin Brockovich at The Stamford Plaza
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AMERICAN legal crusader Erin Brockovich wants to help Australians find answers to environmental issues, and help the little blokes fight through the maze of governmental, corporate and legal affairs.

"I want to get out and do some good," the engaging and elegant Ms Brockovich said in Brisbane yesterday. "A lot of times industry is doing its thing, government is doing its thing, the law is doing its thing and the people aren't getting answers.

"People get confused, concerned, frightened and angry and need somebody who can actually relate to them."

Famous for her 1990s exposure of contaminated water in southern California, and subsequent movie starring Julia Roberts, Ms Brockovich warns that Australia has much to protect and preserve from corporate pollution.

Her website receives a million visitors a month, many from Australians wanting aid with environmental and legal issues.

So Ms Brockovich has taken up her first formal consultancy project outside the US with Australian litigators Shine Lawyers.

"It's really very important people have someone to go to to get answers. Creating awareness is important so that the consumer has a place to go," she said.

The 49-year old Californian will direct queries back to her Australian mates.