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Vaping tests reveal cancer-causing ingredients in e-cigarettes, ACCC alleges

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Two e-cigarette companies are being accused of misleading consumers by claiming their products are not harmful despite allegedly containing toxic chemicals.

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) has lodged a case in the Federal Court against Queensland-based companies Social-Lites and Elusion New Zealand.

The ACCC alleges the companies claimed on their websites that their e-cigarettes did not contain the carcinogens or toxic chemicals found in regular cigarettes.

ACCC chairman Rod Sims said the companies "did not have a reasonable basis for making those claims".

"When we tested the products we in fact found they did contain particular carcinogens and toxins," he told the ABC.

"We got testing through the National Measurement Institute, which is the premier institute in Australia for product testing for liquids and chemicals.



PHOTO: The ACCC alleges tests found the e-cigarettes contained carcinogens. (Reuters: Regis Duvignau, file photo)

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Key points:

- ACCC testing allegedly detected carcinogens and toxins
- It alleges these findings contradicted the companies' health claims
- Social-Lite said it never intended to mislead consumers