

Triangle protest \$48m bill

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RATEPAYERS could face a \$48 million bill if St Kilda's controversial triangle development were to be dumped by a new council.

Residents of the bayside suburb have been warned that a newly elected council that was hostile to the triangle project could withdraw its support and leave a bill topping "tens of millions".

Port Phillip has used an independent report outlining the costs in a mounting case against protest group Un-Chain St Kilda.

The group, which boasts a string of celebrity backers, is expected to run up to six candidates against the councillors who approved the triangle development last year.

"We will challenge every councillor responsible for that decision and work very hard with other community groups to make sure they are not re-elected," president Serge Thomann said.

Mayor Janet Cribbes said she was concerned about the impact a vocal minority could have on the community.

Mr Thomann said the group was confident of winning a Supreme Court battle against council.

He said the legal proceedings could start within weeks.