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Zoning muddle may be costly

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Residents Dana and Warwick Pulley, Peter Kirkland, Misha Ilijin, Jackie Belfort and Eric Cantor.

DANA Pulley says it is unfair she is facing financial ruin if pressure from Lane Cove Council and environment groups are successful in down-zoning the Mowbray Road Precinct.

Ms Pulley is one of several landowners who signed an option to sell to developer Hyecorp, after the area was zoned high density R4 in 2009.

The council has always been opposed to this zoning, which was forced on it by the previous state government. It has now lodged an application to downzone it to predominantly low density.

There is also concern that the flora and fauna in Batten Reserve could be destroyed if development goes ahead.

But Ms Pulley said there needed to be stability for residents.

"We bought another house in Lane Cove on the understanding that the zoning would remain but the rent is not covering the mortgage so we are paying two mortgages at the moment."

"If the area goes back to low density, we will have to sell both houses and will probably be out on the street."

Resident Eric Cantor said it was unfair that groups such as Stringybark Creek Residents' Association and Lane Cove Bushland and Conservation Society were pressuring the State Government to downzone the area though many would not be impacted by it.

"Some of the people protesting the zoning live on the other side of Stringybark Creek, which is not affected by the R4 zoning, so it's very easy for those people to run around with egg beaters and cook's hats," Mr Cantor said, referring to a recent protest.

Resident Peter Kirkland said he could lose \$1 million off his property's value if the zoning was reversed.

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