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George Piggins (Getty Images)

Piggins VOWS fight for Rabbitohs control

Embattled South Sydney chairman George Piggins has

promised to stand on his record and fight a bid to oust him from the position.

Club members will vote next week on a leadership bid headed by lawyer Nick Pappas and including former New South Wales Premier Nick Greiner and television hosts Ray Martin and Andrew Denton.

But tough-talking chairman Piggins has described any plans to kick him out as "ambitious" and portrayed the fight as a struggle for the working class roots of the Rabbitohs.

"I don't fit their bill, maybe because I don't wear silk suits - I don't know," he said.

When asked if he believed he had been marked for the chop because he was not a 'silvertail', Piggins replied: "Well mate, when you look at the books it couldn't be much else."

Pappas won the legal fight to get the Rabbitohs back into the National Rugby League in 2001.

Piggins said he had offered to stand down to allow Pappas to be chairman before deciding to take the issue to a membership vote.

But he insisted he would still quit if the rival ticket could show him a viable plan for the club's future.

"If these people can give me a four-year business plan where they can show where the money is going to come from, then as the chairman I will step down and let 'em have it," he said.

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Pappas hit back by claiming the club needed a generational change to get back on track.

"I think the club have endured a very difficult campaign for its reinstatement and is a little battle-weary," he said.

"The people who are still part of the club are a bit battle-scarred and I think the time has come. I think we've got the right team to take Souths to the next level."



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