

# Farrar sets reforms in bid for Bond land

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A SERIES of administrative reforms to prepare Bond University for its land sale on August 18 have been started by acting executive chancellor Professor John Farrar.

Professor Farrar, an expert in company law and corporate restructuring, said yesterday that staff would be asked to stand down if they were seen as an obstacle to the university's quest to purchase its 394 hectares of land from receivers.

The 54-year-old former Australian High Court barrister said calm had descended on the university following weeks of spats between academics and university management.

"Sometimes we disagree with each other," he said, explaining the public fights which have rocked the university in recent weeks.

"It would be nice if this was not done in the

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media, but we also practise freedom of speech and I am all in favour of that."

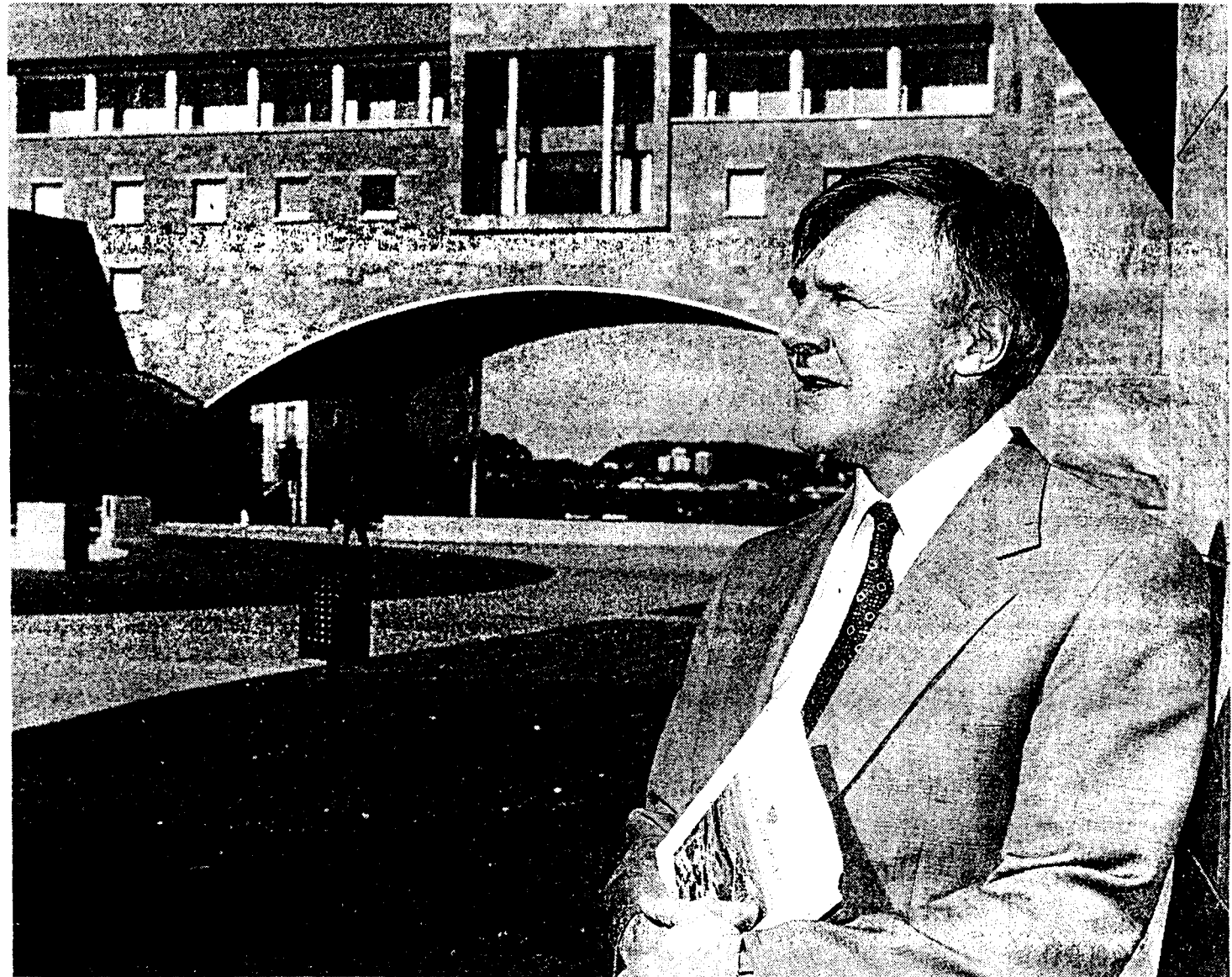
He said business Professor Jeffrey Carmichael would continue to chair the interim advisory committee that is advising Professor Farrar, despite his being involved in a private bid for the university land.

Professor Farrar said the bid, the subject of a 'full and frank' discussion with Bond University Council members Neville Wran and Malcolm Turnbull last week, was definitely not supported by the university's administration.

"It makes life rather difficult if people work in other directions," he said.

"There is not enough information (available) to form a rational judgment about the bid (and) it is simply not enough to say, 'Trust me, I'm an economist'."

Professor Farrar said the interim advisory committee, which included Bond University Academic Staff Association president Jim Corkery, would be expanded to involve two deans — tipped to be Professors Ashley Goldsworthy and Paul Wilson.



WRAN: Discussions