

Bond could move to NSW — head

BOND University could look to NSW for its new home if forced to leave the Robina campus, said the acting Vice-Chancellor.

Ken Moores said the University was working on a contingency plan in case it failed to secure permanent tenure at the current site.

"We must contemplate all sites, and look at where the best market and best buildings are," he said.

"Obviously we would like to stay as close to Robina as possible, trying to allow for where staff have their homes, but I cannot rule out going across the border into NSW — Queensland is not neces-

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sarily our ultimate location.

"Obviously we have a lot of goodwill here, we have been a good tenant in Robina and we contribute more to the Gold Coast economy than does Indy, yet we have not received a brass razzo of State money."

Mr Moores was commenting after a meeting with Education Minister Bob Quinn at Bond University last week.

He said the meeting went extremely well, and decribed Mr Quinn as a strong supporter of Bond University.

Mr Quinn said he had always supported Bond, as the local member, opposition education spokes-



Ken Moores
man and now as minister.

"I am keen to see it survive and not wither on the vine and die," he said.

He said the university was unique in Australia and important to the Queensland economy,



Bob Quinn

and the Government believed it was vital it remained open and in this state.

Mr Quinn was visiting the campus only days after the receivers for the land owners rejected the \$110 million bid by Bond University to buy its Robina campus.

The receivers, KPMG, rejected the bid because it already had an existing \$109 million contract of sale between the land owners and the University of Queensland.

Both the receivers and Bond University have lodged appeals against Supreme Court rulings relating to leasing rights to the property.

Mr Quinn said the issue of tenancy had to be resolved and the State Government had no role to play as it was in the private sector and before the courts.