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Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre workers

Congress would like to acknowledge the workers at the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre who have worked on this Congress, the majority of whom are members of the MEAA.

The efforts of union members and delegates Chris McKay and Kai Janson at this workplace resulted in a new 3 year agreement that provides increases in the casual loading and pay rises ahead of inflation.

However, in April this year Barry O'Farrell announced their workplace will be demolished in December 2013, redeveloped and re-opened in 2016.

This leaves their agreement, negotiated in good faith by union members, in limbo half way through its 3 year life and clearly undermines the job security of all current SCEC employees for 3 years. While their union has entered into discussions to try and ensure conditions are maintained and entitlements paid the decision by NSW Government had no regard for the over 200 employees who may well be out of work for 3 years and beyond.

Congress thanks the workers of the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre for their work on this Congress and demands the O'Farrell Government secure the employment of all staff during the three year demolition and reconstruction phase.