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The show will go on at entertainment centre

Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority intends to keep the doors of the Sydney Entertainment Centre (SEC) open, following yesterday's announcement that it has terminated its lease with the centre's operator, Arena Management.

"The entertainment centre has hosted some of the greatest local and international acts for more than 25 years, and that will not change," Authority CEO Robert Domm said.

"Our number one priority is to keep the SEC's doors open and ensure ticket-holders get to see their shows.

"Given Arena's lease breaches, and the company being placed under voluntary administration and receivership, the Authority had no other option than to terminate Arena's lease.

"The Authority has acted to rescue this important public asset.

"The Authority will now be doing everything in its power to ensure that the SEC maintains its position as Australia's premier entertainment venue.

"The Authority has requested cooperation from Arena's receivers and will be working with promoters and service providers to ensure that any issues are resolved and there is a smooth transition of management to the Authority.

"It is disappointing that Arena has been unable to continue trading in the current economic climate and has been placed into voluntary administration and receivership.

"The Authority has been working closely with Arena for some time as it has tried to maintain its operations and just last year even agreed to extend their lease for a further 10-year period on Arena's terms," Mr Domm said.

Arena has leased the SEC since November 1983. The current lease, which commenced in 2003, involved an initial term of five years, with a further two options of five years each.

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