

MEDIA RELEASE

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## **ADF demands action on illegal serving of alcohol at Crown**

The Australian Drug Foundation (ADF) has today demanded strong action against Crown Casino for what appears to be serious breaches of its liquor licence at Monday's Brownlow Award.

In an apparent double breach of their liquor licence, Crown Casino

- continued to allow footballer Brendan Fevola to drink alcohol whilst appearing intoxicated and
- allowed him to remain on the premises when appearing drunk.

Victorian licensing laws do not allow the serving of intoxicated patrons nor does it allow drunken people to remain at the venue.

"This appears to be a clear breach of licence and Crown must be held accountable," said ADF CEO, John Rogerson.

"Having a drunken person on the premises risks the welfare of the drinker, its own staff and other patrons. Crown had a duty of care to all people present and if they couldn't handle the situation then the police should have been called to assist," said Mr Rogerson.

"Crown Casino also has an obligation to set an example for other venues around Australia, particularly given the Brownlow was broadcast nationally," added Mr Rogerson.

The Casino is regarded as a benchmark venue in Victoria. It was exempted from Melbourne's recent 2am lockout trial as it is supposed to have the highest standard of alcohol management and security.

"If venues like Crown cannot fulfill simple liquor licensing laws, what chance is there to fix the problem of alcohol and violence in Victoria?"

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The Australian Drug Foundation is Australia's peak body committed to preventing alcohol and other drug problems in communities around the nation.