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SUBJECT : APPEAL HEARING RESULT: JOCKEY – DAMIEN OLIVER

At Betfair Park Lakeside on Wednesday 24 June 2009 jockey Damien Oliver was found guilty of a charge of careless riding on his mount *Tilda* in Race 3 the *Siren Song Handicap* (2100m).

The careless riding being that near the 1800 metres he permitted his mount to shift in when not sufficiently clear of *Bellamo* thereby tightening that mare in onto *Nedali(NZ)* and *Night Magic*, resulting in *Bellamo* having to be eased and *Nedali(NZ)* and *Night Magic* being hampered.

Damien Oliver had his licence to ride in races suspended for a total of 10 meetings, to commence midnight Thursday 25 June 2009 and to expire midnight Sunday 5 July 2009 (3 metropolitan, 7 provincial). In assessing penalty, the Stewards were of the view that the incident qualified for the low range category.

A Notice of Appeal against **the decision and severity of the penalty** was lodged on Thursday 25 June 2009.

A stay of proceedings was granted effective until midnight Sunday 28 June 2009.

Mr James Williams, Stipendiary Steward, appeared on behalf of the RVL Stewards.
Mr Oliver appeared on his own behalf.

DECISION: Appeal dismissed
Penalty varied – suspension to now expire at midnight Friday 3 July 2009.

Georgie Curtis

Registrar
Racing Appeals & Disciplinary Board