



APPEAL DECISION

NIKITA BERIMAN *and* RACING VICTORIA STEWARDS

Date of Hearing: 13 February 2018

Heard By: Judge Bowman (Chair)

Appearances: Brett Wright appeared on behalf of the stewards.
Matt Hyland appeared on behalf of Ms Beriman.

At Pakenham on Thursday 1 February 2018, jockey Nikita Beriman pleaded guilty to a charge under AR 137(b) which provides that:

Any rider may be penalised if: in the opinion of the stewards, (b) he fails to ride his horse out to the end of race and/or approaching the end of the race.

The charge relating to her ride on *Storm Boss* in Race 1 the *Spendthrift Maiden Plate* (1200m) at Pakenham. The particulars of the charge being that at she failed to ride the colt to the end of the race, in particular, over the final stride.

Ms Beriman was fined \$400.

A Notice of Appeal against the **severity of the penalty** was lodged on Thursday, 1 February 2018.

DECISION: Appeal allowed.
Penalty varied to a fine of \$300.