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APPEAL RESULT

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FROM: Registrar – Racing Appeals and Disciplinary Board

DATE: 30 March 2016

SUBJECT: APPEAL HEARING RESULT – JOCKEY: JAMES WINKS

<u>Panel</u> Judge Bowman (Chair), Mr Brian Forrest (Deputy), Prof Raymond Harbridge.

Appearances Mr James Hitchcock appeared on behalf of the stewards.

Mr Winks appeared on his own behalf.

At Terang on Thursday 24 March 2016, jockey James Winks was found guilty of a charge of careless on his mount *Memory of Time* in Race 2 the *Terang Co-Op Plate* (1850m).

The careless riding being that approaching the 1400m when easing his mount from wide on the course and attempting to obtain cover, J. Winks has shifted *Memory Of Time* in when not sufficiently clear of *Doom N Boom* that has been checked as a consequence.

Mr Winks had his licence to ride in races suspended for a period to commence at midnight on Saturday, 26 March 2016 and to expire at midnight on Tuesday, 5 April 2016 – a total of 12 race meetings (2 metro, 10 provincial).

A Notice of Appeal against **the decision and severity of the penalty** was lodged on Sunday, 27 March 2016. A stay of proceedings was not requested.

DECISION: Appeal against conviction dismissed.

Appeal against severity of penalty allowed.

Penalty varied so that the period of suspension expires at midnight on

Friday, 1 April 2016 (8 race meetings).