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APPEAL DECISION

STEPHANIE THORNTON
and

RACING VICTORIA STEWARDS

Date of Hearing: 4 November 2016

Panel: Judge Bowman (Chair).

Appearances: Mr Corie Waller appeared on behalf of the stewards.
Mr Des O'Keeffe appeared on behalf of Ms Thornton.

At Ballarat on Monday 31 October 2016, apprentice jockey Stephanie Thornton pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding on her mount *Into the Wind* in Race 8 the *Hygain Benchmark 64 Maiden Plate* (1600m).

The carelessness being rounding the home turn she permitted her mount to shift out when insufficiently clear of *Denpasar* taking that runner out onto *Lordfontein* which as a result had to be restrained to avoid the heels of *Denpasar*.

Ms Thornton had her permit to ride in races suspended for a period to commence at midnight on Wednesday, 2 November 2016 and to expire at the conclusion of the day meeting on Friday, 11 November 2016 - a total of 11 race meetings (1 metro, 10 provincial).

In assessing penalty Stewards took into account her guilty plea, her record and that the carelessness was in the mid-range.

A Notice of Appeal against **the severity of the penalty** was lodged on Wednesday, 2 November 2016. A stay of proceedings was not requested.

DECISION: Appeal dismissed. Penalty to remain standing.

Georgie Gavin
Registrar - Racing Appeals & Disciplinary Board