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APPEAL DECISION

CRAIG NEWITT

and

RACING VICTORIA STEWARDS

Date of Hearing: 6 December 2016.

Panel: Judge Bowman (Chair).

Appearances: Mr Robert Cram appeared on behalf of the stewards.
Mr Matthew Hyland of the VJA appeared on behalf of Mr Newitt.

At Moonee Valley on Friday 2 December 2016, jockey Craig Newitt was found guilty of a charge of careless riding on his mount *Gee One Express* in Race 7 the *Ascend Sales Trophies Handicap* (2040m).

The careless riding being that upon straightening near the 200m, he permitted his mount to shift out when not sufficiently clear of *Exilia Miss (NZ)* resulting in that filly being tightened out onto *Anemoi* resulting in *Anemois* hindquarters being turned and *Exilia Miss (NZ)* having to be checked.

Craig Newitt had his licence to ride in races suspended for a period to commence at midnight on Wednesday 7 December 2016 and to expire at midnight on Monday 12 December 2016 - a total of 7 race meetings (2 metro, 5 provincial).

In assessing penalty Stewards took into account his excellent record and that the carelessness was in the low range.

A Notice of Appeal against **the decision and severity of the penalty** was lodged on Sunday 4 December 2016. A stay of proceedings was not requested.

DECISION: Appeal against conviction dismissed.
Appeal against severity of penalty allowed.

The period of suspension will now expire at midnight on Sunday, 11 December 2016 (6 race meetings).

Georgie Gavin
Registrar - Racing Appeals & Disciplinary Board