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APPEAL DECISION

MARK PEGUS
and

RACING VICTORIA STEWARDS

Date of Hearing: 18 August 2016

Heard By: Judge Bowman (Chair).

Appearances: Mr Wade Hadley appeared on behalf of the stewards.
Mr Pegus appeared on his own behalf.

At Wangaratta on Monday 15 August 2016, jockey Mark Pegus was found guilty of a charge of careless riding on his mount *Hard Got* in Race 2 the *Tim McCurdy MP Maiden Plate* (1170m).

The careless riding being that approaching the 200m, after initially shifting out away from *River Pearl*, he continued to shift out when not sufficiently clear of *Always In Trouble* which had to be severely checked before bumping with the hind quarters of *Stolen Angel*.

Mark Pegus had his licence to ride in races suspended from midnight Monday 15 August 2016 until midnight Friday 26 August 2016 - a total of 11 Meetings (2 metro/9 provincial). In reaching penalty, Stewards viewed the incident to be in the mid-range and acknowledged that *River Pearl* had initially shifted out from his inside.

A Notice of Appeal against **the decision and severity of the penalty** was lodged on Wednesday, 17 August 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 will now expire at midnight on Wednesday, 24 August 2016 (9 race meetings.)

Georgie Gavin
Registrar - Racing Appeals & Disciplinary Board