



APPEAL RESULT

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SUBJECT: **APPEAL HEARING RESULT – JOCKEY: JOHN KEATING**

Panel Judge John Bowman (Chair), Mr Stephen Curtain, Mr Graeme Johnson.

Appearances Mr John Didham appeared on behalf of Mr Keating.
Mr Robert Cram appeared on behalf of the stewards.

At Benalla on Sunday 8 November 2015, jockey John Keating was found guilty of a charge of careless riding on his mount Amahero in Race 1 the *Amahero* in Race 1 the *Burtons IGA Supa Store 3YO Maiden Plate* (1206m) at Benalla on Sunday, 8 November 2015.

The careless riding being that approaching and passing the 1000m he had *Make Her Own Whey* unnecessarily tight and continued to do so until near the 900m whereby when in restricted room *Make Her Own Whey* had to be checked when tightened inwards by *Amahero* onto the hind quarters of *Angel Eight*. As a result *Make Her Own Whey* lost its rightful running.

Mr Keating had his licence to ride in races suspended for a period to commence at midnight on Monday, 9 November 2015 and to expire at the conclusion of the day meeting at Kyneton on Friday, 20 November 2015 – a total of 12 race meetings.

In assessing penalty Stewards viewed the incident to be in mid-range and took into account his record in regards to this matter.

A Notice of Appeal against **the decision and severity of the penalty** was lodged on Tuesday, 10 November 2015. A stay of proceedings was granted effective until midnight Thursday, 12 November 2015.

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

Penalty varied so that taking into account the stay of proceedings, the period of suspension will expire at midnight on Wednesday, 18 November 2015 (7 race meetings).