

APPEAL RESULT

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DATE: 18 February 2015

SUBJECT: **APPEAL HEARING RESULT – JOCKEY: JACK HILL**

Panel Judge Russell Lewis (Chair), Mr Brian Forrest (Deputy), Mr Darren McGee.

Appearances Mr Hill appeared on his own behalf.
Mr Geoff Hausfeld appeared on behalf of the stewards.

At Terang on Sunday, 15 February 2015 jockey Jack Hill was found guilty of a charge of careless riding on his mount *Red Eclipse* in Race 8 the *Bet Easy Handicap* (1200m).

The careless riding being that near the 250m he permitted his mount to shift ground outwards whilst riding it along when insufficiently clear of *New York Rain*, resulting in that horse being restrained and losing its rightful running.

Mr Hill had his licence to ride in races suspended for a period to commence at midnight on Tuesday, 17 February 2015 and to expire at midnight on Tuesday, 24 February 2015 – a total of 8 race meetings (3 metropolitan, 5 country).

In assessing the penalty Stewards deemed the carelessness to be in the low range and took into account his riding record, the fact that *New York Rain* was weakening and that Mr Hill had made some effort to straighten his mount.

A Notice of Appeal against **the severity of the penalty** was lodged on Tuesday, 17 February 2015.

A stay of proceedings was not requested.

DECISION: **Appeal allowed.**

Penalty varied so that the period of suspension will now expire at midnight on Saturday, 21 February 2015 (6 race meetings).