

APPEAL RESULT

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

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

Appearances Mr John Didham appeared on behalf of Mr Keating.
Ms Joelene McSwain appeared on behalf of the stewards.

At Tatura on Monday 9 February 2015, jockey John Keating was found guilty of a charge of careless riding on his mount *Bolshoi Bandit* in Race 8 the *XXXX Gold 0-58 Handicap* (1600m).

The careless riding being that near the 350m he attempted a run between *Keepcalmandcarryon* and *Raggerty* where there was insufficient room resulting in *Raggerty* being tightened for room and having to be checked.

Mr Keating had his licence to ride in races suspended for a period to commence at midnight on Wednesday, 11 February 2015 and to expire at midnight on Saturday, 21 February 2015 – a total of 12 race meetings (5 metro, 7 provincial.)

In assessing penalty Stewards deemed the incident to be in the mid range however took into account John Keating's good riding record of recent times.

A Notice of Appeal against **the decision and severity of the penalty** was lodged on Wednesday, 11 February 2015.

A stay of proceedings was not requested.

DECISION: **Appeal allowed**