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APPEAL DECISION

BEN ALLEN

and

RACING VICTORIA STEWARDS

Date of Hearing: 12 December 2016.

Heard By: Judge Bowman (Chair).

Appearances: Mr Simon Carey appeared on behalf of the stewards.
Mr Des O'Keeffe appeared on behalf of Mr Allen.

At Wangaratta on Tuesday 6 December 2016, apprentice jockey Ben Allen was found guilty of a charge of careless riding on his mount *Mr Drew* in Race 3 the *Sam Miranda Wines 3YO Maiden Plate* (1400m).

The particulars of the charge being that near the 1300 meters he permitted his mount shift in when not sufficiently clear of *Green Light*, which had improved to its inside before having to be checked.

Mr Allen had his permit to ride in races suspended for a period to commence at midnight on Wednesday, 7 December 2016 and to expire at midnight on Wednesday, 14 December 2016 – a total of 9 race meetings (3 metro, 6 provincial).

In reaching penalty Stewards deemed the carelessness to be in the low range and acknowledged the racing manners of *Green Light*.

A Notice of Appeal against **the decision and severity of the penalty** was lodged on Thursday, 8 December 2016. A stay of proceedings was granted effective to midnight Sunday, 11 December 2016.

DECISION: Appeal dismissed. Penalty to remain standing.

Taking into account the stay of proceedings, the period of suspension will commence at midnight on Sunday, 11 December 2016 and expire at midnight on Monday, 19 December 2016 (9 race meetings).

**Georgie Gavin
Registrar - Racing Appeals & Disciplinary Board**