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SUBJECT: **APPEAL HEARING RESULT – JOCKEY: WILLIAM EGAN**

Panel Judge Russell Lewis (Chair), Dr June Smith, Mr Ron Taylor.

Appearances Mr Des O’Keeffe appeared on behalf of Mr Egan.
Mr Terry Bailey appeared on behalf of the Stewards.

At Caulfield on Saturday 21 September 2013, jockey Billy Egan was found guilty of a charge of careless riding on his mount *The Bronx* in Race 3 the *Nine West Plate* (1000m).

The careless riding being that approaching the 800m he permitted his mount to shift in when insufficiently clear of *Mezeray Miss* resulting in *Mezeray Miss* being checked out across *The Bronx’s* heels and caused interference to *Whiskey Allround* which became unbalanced.

Mr Egan had his licence to ride in races suspended for a period to commence at midnight on Tuesday, 24 September 2013 and to expire at midnight on Sunday, 6 October 2013 – a total of 14 race meetings (5 metro, 9 provincial).

In assessing penalty Stewards took into account the careless riding was in the high range and W Egan’s good record and personal circumstances.

A Notice of Appeal against **the severity of the penalty** was lodged on Tuesday, 24 September 2013. A stay of proceedings was not requested.

DECISION: **Appeal dismissed. Penalty to remain standing.**

**TRANSCRIPT OF
PROCEEDINGS**

RACING APPEALS AND DISCIPLINARY BOARD

**HIS HONOUR JUDGE R.P.L. LEWIS, Chairman
DR J. SMITH
MR R. TAYLOR**

EXTRACT OF PROCEEDINGS

DECISION

**IN THE MATTER OF THE NINE WEST PLATE
OVER 1000 METRES AT CAULFIELD ON 21/9/13**

JOCKEY: WILLIAM EGAN

MELBOURNE

THURSDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER 2013

MR T. BAILEY appeared on behalf of the RVL Stewards

MR D. O'KEEFFE appeared on behalf of the Appellant

CHAIRMAN: This is a case where Billy Egan was on a horse which showed great speed in the early stages of the race and had he maintained a straight line, would still have easily cleared the field.

However, the film shows that he allowed his horse to shift ground at a sharp angle in a race over 1000 metres, not a long distance after the start. That action was fraught and, as it turned out, caused interference to Chris Symons's mount, and it was not unreasonable for Chris Symons, having regard to all the circumstances, to believe that he may have impeded the running of a horse on his inside, namely Glen Boss. As it turned out, that was not the case, but it was reasonable of Symons to have that thought going through his mind.

Thereafter, the chain reaction occurred, the domino effect took place, and it was fortunate that more damage was not done in the circumstances.

The Board has come to the view that it was a high-range incident and that the penalty imposed by the Stewards was reasonable in the circumstances, so the appeal is dismissed.
