

APPEAL RESULT

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SUBJECT: **APPEAL HEARING RESULT – JOCKEY: KATE WALTERS**

Panel Judge Bowman (Chair), Prof Raymond Harbridge, Mr Graeme Johnson.

Appearances Mr Geoff Hausfeld appeared on behalf of the stewards.
Mr Des O’Keeffe appeared on behalf of Ms Walters.

At Edenhope on Saturday 12 March 2016, jockey Kate Walters was found guilty of a charge of careless riding on her mount *No Fairy* in Race 1 the *Rodwells Edenhope Maiden Plate* (2000m).

The careless riding being that near the 500m she permitted her mount to shift ground out to obtain clear running resulting in *Dandarbong* being carried wider onto *Skim*, who in turn was taken out resulting in *Ale The Sun*, having to check to avoid *Skim*’s heels.

Ms Walters had her licence to ride in races suspended for a period to commence at midnight on Saturday, 12 March 2016 and to expire at midnight on Tuesday, 22 March 2016 – a total of 12 race meetings (2 metro, 10 provincial).

In assessing penalty stewards took into account K Walters good recent riding record and deemed the incident to be in the mid-range.

A Notice of Appeal against **the decision and severity of the penalty** was lodged on Monday 14 March 2016.

A stay of proceedings was not required.

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

Penalty varied to a period of suspension for 8 race meetings.