



APPEAL DECISION

HUGH BOWMAN *and* RACING VICTORIA STEWARDS

Date of Hearing: 8 November 2017

Heard By: Judge Bowman (Chair)

Appearances: Terry Bailey appeared on behalf of the stewards.
Mr Matthew Stirling of Counsel appeared on behalf of Mr Bowman.

At Flemington on Tuesday 7 November 2017, Hugh Bowman pleaded not guilty to a charge of careless riding on his mount *Warranty* in Race 6, the *Lexus Hybrid Plate* (1400m).

The stewards found Mr Bowman guilty of a charge of careless riding under the provisions of AR137(a), the carelessness being that inside the 300m he permitted his mount to shift out to a point where he made contact with *Torvill* resulting in *Torvill* being taken out and put onto the heels of *River Jewel* resulting in *Torvill* clipping heels and almost dislodging its rider. Hugh Bowman had his licence to ride in races suspended for a period to commence at midnight on 9 November 2017 and to expire at midnight 11 November 2017, a total of eleven race meetings (two metropolitan, nine provincial). In assessing penalty Stewards took into account that the careless riding was in the mid-range.

A Notice of Appeal against **the conviction and the penalty** was lodged on Tuesday, 7 November 2017. A stay of proceedings was not requested.

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

**Acting Registrar
Racing Appeals & Disciplinary Board**