



APPEAL DECISION

JACK HILL

and

RACING VICTORIA STEWARDS

Date of Hearing: 15 August 2017

Heard By: Judge Bowman (Chair)

Appearances: Corie Waller appeared on behalf of the stewards.
Matthew Hyland appeared on behalf of Mr Hill.

At Geelong on Wednesday 9 August 2017, jockey Jack Hill was found guilty of a charge of careless riding on his mount *Harvard (NZ)* in Race 7 (2418m).

The carelessness being that at a point near the 1900m he allowed his mount to shift in when insufficiently clear of *Arohata* which as a result had to be restrained

Mr Hill had his licence to ride in races suspended for a period to commence at midnight on Thursday, 10 August 2017 and to expire at midnight on Friday, 18 August 2017 - a total of 8 race meetings (2 metro, 6 provincial).

In assessing penalty Stewards took into account his good record and that the carelessness was in the low range.

A Notice of Appeal against the decision and severity of the penalty was lodged on Thursday, 10 August 2017. A stay of proceedings was granted effective to midnight Monday, 14 August 2017.

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

Taking into account the stay of proceedings, the period of suspension will now expire at midnight on Sunday, 20 August 2017 (6 race meetings).

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