



**RACING APPEALS
AND
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APPEAL DECISION

BROOKE SWEENEY
and
RACING VICTORIA STEWARDS

Date of Hearing: 29 June 2016

Panel: Judge Bowman (Chair).

Appearances: Mr Robert Cram appeared on behalf of the stewards.
Mr Des O'Keeffe appeared on behalf of Ms Sweeney.

At Flemington on Saturday 25 June 2016, apprentice jockey Brooke Sweeney was found guilty of a charge under AR 175A(5)(a)(ii) for using her whip 7 times prior to the 100m mark. The charge relating to her ride on *Leveraction* in Race 7 the *David Bourke Provincial Plate* (1600m).

Ms Sweeney had her permit to ride in races suspended for a period to commence at midnight on Monday, 27 June 2016 and to expire at midnight on Saturday, 2 July 2016 – a total of 5 race meetings (2 metro, 3 provincial).

In assessing penalty Stewards took into account her recent bad whip record.

A Notice of Appeal against the **severity of the penalty** was lodged on Monday, 27 June 2016.

A stay of proceedings was not required.

DECISION: **Appeal allowed.**
Penalty varied to a fine of \$1,000.