

## APPEAL RESULT

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**FROM:** Registrar – Racing Appeals and Disciplinary Board

**DATE:** 4 March 2016

**SUBJECT:** **APPEAL HEARING RESULT – JOCKEY: JOHN KEATING**

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**Panel** Judge Bowman (Chair).

**Appearances** Mr Des O’Keeffe appeared on behalf of Mr Keating.  
Mr Sam Cochrane appeared on behalf of the Stewards.

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At Terang on Monday 29 February 2016, jockey John Keating pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding on his mount *Biggy Rat* in Race 2 the *Cervus Equipment Terang Maiden Plate* (1000m).

The careless riding being that permitted his mount to shift out when being ridden along when not sufficiently clear of *Stratiki* that had to be checked to avoid the heels of *Biggy Rat*.

Mr Keating had his licence to ride in races suspended for a period to commence at midnight on Tuesday, 1 March 2016 and to expire at midnight on Monday, 7 March 2016 – a total of 8 race meetings (2 metro, 6 provincial).

In assessing penalty the panel deemed the incident in the low range and took into account J. Keating’s early guilty plea.

A Notice of Appeal against **the severity of the penalty** was lodged on Tuesday, 1 March 2016.

A stay of proceedings was not requested.

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