

APPEAL RESULT

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SUBJECT: **APPEAL HEARING RESULT – ASSISTANT TRAINER:
EMMANUEL (MANNY) GELAGOTIS**

Panel Judge Bowman (Chair), Mr Stephen Curtain, Mr Darren McGee.

Appearances Mr James Ogilvy appeared as counsel for the Stewards.
Mr Damian Sheales appeared as counsel for Mr Gelagotis.

On Thursday 25 February 2016, stewards concluded an inquiry into media comments made by assistant trainer, Emmanuel (Manny) Gelagotis, after the running of the C.F Orr Stakes at Caulfield on 13 February, 2016.

Mr Gelagotis was found guilty of a charge under AR 175(j) which states that:

The Principal Racing Authority (or the Stewards exercising powers delegated to them) may penalise:

- (j) *Any person guilty of improper or insulting behaviour at any time towards the Committee of any Club or Association or any member thereof, or Stewards, or any official, in relation to their or his duties.*

The particulars being that Mr Gelagotis posted two comments on Twitter on 13 February, 2016, and made a reference during a radio interview on 16 February, 2016, which, in the opinion of RV Stewards, was improper and/or insulting towards RV Veterinary Surgeon, Dr Brian Stewart, in relation to his duties at Caulfield on 13 February, 2016.

Mr Gelagotis was fined \$2,000 with \$1,000 suspended for a period of 12 months providing no further conduct related breaches of the Rules of Racing.

A Notice of Appeal against **the decision and severity of the penalty** was lodged on Friday, 26 February 2016.

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