

## SUMMARY



**Date considered:** 18 November 2021

### **Sentence**

1. The offender is serving an indeterminate sentence, of which the minimum term in custody was 10 years.

### **Test for release**

2. Before it could direct release, the Board had to be satisfied that it is no longer necessary for the protection of the public that the offender should be confined.

### **Decision**

3. The Board was satisfied on this matter, and directed release subject to licence conditions.

### **Reasons for decision**

4. In reaching its decision, the Board considered:
  - a) the circumstances of the index offence, and any offending history;
  - b) formal risk assessments prepared on the offender;
  - c) the offender's conduct since sentence, and intentions if released;
  - d) all relevant information in the dossier; and
  - e) the evidence heard at the hearing.
5. The Board acknowledged that both community-based and prison-based social work did not support release at this stage. The Board were concerned about the serious nature of the index offence, and that the offender had been previously released and recalled to custody. However, the Board noted that the offender had been back in custody for some time and had no further convictions, had secured employment when last released and appeared to be developing work skills and work ethic.
6. The Board considered that the offender had accepted full responsibility for previous behaviour in custody and had given a credible account for their position regarding the recall offence. It was clear from the evidence available to the Board that the offender was doing well in the community up to that point. They had demonstrated insight and had realistic plans and goals for their return to the community. They appeared to understand the significance of obtaining appropriate support for identified issues, and had established contacts in the community to this end.

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7. The Board directed release on life licence, and set licence conditions which it considered proportionate and necessary to manage the offender's level of risk in the community.