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Date considered: 21 January 2022

Sentence

1. The offender is serving an extended sentence of eight years, comprised of a custodial term of five years and four months and an extended period of supervision on licence of two years and eight months.

Test for release

2. Before it could direct release, the Board had to consider whether it remains necessary for the protection of the public from serious harm that the offender should be confined.

Decision

3. The Board was not 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. Following release at their Earliest Date of Liberation, the offender was in the community for several years during which time it was reported they were complying with all aspects of supervision and evidencing the motivation to lead a pro-social life.
6. The matter which led to the offender's recall had been determined at court and proceedings were withdrawn. Written representations had been submitted to the Board which were fully supportive of release. In evidence, the offender evidenced an insight into recognised issues and provided an explanation of the events which resulted in their recall to custody. They had expressed a determination to lead a pro-social and offence-free life, and intimated a willingness to engage with support services if required.
7. Both prison-based and community-based social work were of the view that the offender's risks could be managed in the community with additional licence conditions in place. In all of the circumstances, the Board was not satisfied that

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it was necessary for the protection of the public from serious harm that the offender remain in custody, and directed release subject to licence conditions.