

SUMMARY



Date considered: 09 June 2022

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 offender has reflected on their offences and the very serious harm they have caused to their victims and appears to have gained insight into their offending risks and triggers. The Tribunal noted the importance that the offender places on community supports to assist with their community reintegration. The offender has had extensive community access, during which no issues have arisen. The Tribunal concluded that their community access provided strong evidence of the offender's ability to manage their own risks.
6. The offender appears to have learned from the offence-focused work they completed following their downgrade from open conditions. The community based social worker has no concerns about the offender's level of openness and honesty.
7. Both social workers recommend the offender's release.
8. The Tribunal noted the risk management plan in place for the offender. The Tribunal fixed licence conditions for the offender as proposed by social work.