

## SUMMARY



**Date considered:** 21 July 2022

### **Sentence**

1. The offender is serving an indeterminate sentence, of which the minimum term in custody was 15 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 was released on licence in May 2019 and subsequently recalled to custody in February 2022 following an altercation. Subsequent court proceedings did not result in a conviction.
6. Prior to their recall to custody, no concerns were raised about their conduct on licence. The Community Based Social Worker (CBSW) outlines that prior to their recall, the offender was displaying positive behaviour in the community where they had created stabilising factors and a consistent period of desistance. The offenders positive responses have continued within the custodial environment and they have complied fully with the prison regime.
7. The Prison Based Social Worker (PBSW) was confident that the offender is willing to refocus their efforts into their reintegration into the community.
8. The offender expressed clear intentions in their evidence. They expressed remorse for the matters which led to their recall and an understanding that their decision making was notably poor.
9. Both the prison based and the community based social workers are confident in their recommendation of the offenders release. For all of the aforementioned

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reasons, the Board concurs with their views. In directing release, the Board have taken into account the offenders previous good conduct in the community over a period of almost three years and his continued compliance since their recall to custody.