

## DECISION SUMMARY



**Date considered:** 17 June 2024

### **Sentence**

1. The offender is serving an extended sentence of 10 years, comprised of a custodial term of 7 years and an extended period of supervision on licence of 3 years.

### **Test for release**

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

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3. The panel was not satisfied on this matter, and directed release subject to licence conditions.

### **Reasons for decision**

4. In reaching its decision, the panel 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 committed a very serious, violent, index offence. They have other previous convictions including violent offending. The panel considered the offender's assessed level of risk. Both the Prison-Based Social Worker (PBSW) and Community-Based Social Worker (CBSW) recommend release and expressed the view that such risks as those posed by the offender are capable of being managed in the community.
6. The panel placed weight on the evidence of the PBSW and CBSW. The PBSW has known the offender for some time and acknowledged improvements that they have seen in the offender's behaviour and attitude since their recall. The PBSW was able to provide the panel with detailed information on the property that was the proposed release address. The CBSW gave evidence regarding the community risk management plan for the offender. The panel was satisfied that a robust risk management plan was in place. The panel was also satisfied that the risk management plan would pick up on any emerging risks.
7. The offender showed insight into their risks and was able to speak about strategies they had in place for managing those risks. They given careful thought

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to their release and they were realistic about the challenges they would face. They stated they were willing to take all the support available to them to help them succeed in the community, and to protect the public. They stated they understood their proposed licence conditions and were willing to adhere to any conditions placed on them. The offender understood the need to be open and honest with social workers and other professionals involved in their management.

8. Taking all of the evidence available to it into account, the panel is not satisfied that it is necessary for the protection of the public from serious harm that the offender should be confined and directs his release.

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