

DECISION SUMMARY



Date considered: 10 December 2024

Sentence

1. The offender is serving an indeterminate sentence, of which the minimum term in custody was 14 years.

Test for release

2. Before it could direct release, the panel 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 panel was 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 had complied very well with the prison regime and had used their time in custody well. The offender has not been violent for many years. The panel accepted the offender's evidence that they were capable of making goals for themselves.
6. The panel was satisfied that the offender does not pose a significant risk of serious harm to public at the current time and that testing in less secure conditions was therefore not necessary prior to their release.
7. The panel was also persuaded by the community based social worker's (CBSW's) evidence that a robust risk management plan is in place which will support the offender to adjust pro-socially to any changes or challenges the prisoner may face on their return to the community.
8. In all circumstances the panel directed release on the licence conditions previously intimated which are lawful, proportionate and necessary to manage any risk which they had pose.