

## DECISION SUMMARY



**Date considered:** 08 April 2025

### **Sentence**

1. The offender is serving an indeterminate sentence, of which the minimum term in custody was 12 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.

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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;
  - e) the evidence heard at the hearing and;
  - f) the information provided to the panel which was not disclosed to the offender.
5. The offender had undertaken a significant number of successful home leaves. The offender had not incurred any adverse circumstance reports and their reports were good. There was no indication that the offender was unwilling or unable to comply with licence conditions in the community. Indeed there is evidence that he has consistently complied with the temporary requirements in the community. In the hearing, the offender had expressed remorse for the index offence and insight into the harm they had caused. The panel was satisfied that the offender had realistic plans for their return to the community and that they would work with all agencies including social work. The offender had not associated with the co-accused for a significant period of time. There were no concerns of any risk taking behaviours in custody. The offender had a good relationship with the supervising officer, which was beneficial. There was no evidence before the panel that the offender continued to hold violent or antisocial attitudes. Finally, both social workers recommended release.
6. In all the circumstances, the panel was satisfied that it is no longer necessary for the protection of the public that the offender remains confined and it directed release on the licence conditions previously intimated. The licence conditions are

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lawful, necessary and proportionate to manage the risk which the offender poses in the community.

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