

## SUMMARY



**Date considered:** 26 October 2021

### **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 Board also considered victim representations which had been received in relation to this case.
6. The offender had progressed well through the prison estate and had considerable community access from the national top end. They had not engaged in violence nor misused substances for a substantial period of time. Their community work placement had afforded them significant freedoms in the community, all of which they had navigated successfully.
7. The Board considered that the offender had learned from programme work they had undertaken, and that the community risk management plan had the capacity to monitor and manage their level of risk.
8. The Board considered that close monitoring of the offender was required at the outset to ensure they did not return to previous negative behaviours and peer associations, and set appropriate licence conditions to assist in deterring from these.