

## SUMMARY



**Date considered:** 26 November 2021

### **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 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 had been engaging positively with the prison regime at the National Top End with no concerns having been identified. No misconduct reports had been incurred. There had been no issues with compliance and they were engaging fully with support for identified issues. The offender had evidenced that they had put learning into practice by responding to an incident in the prison in an appropriate manner. There had been no other incidents of violence since their recall to custody
6. The offender articulated a good understanding of their mental health, risks and triggers. They acknowledged and identified the reasons why they had previously failed when released on licence and evidenced a determination to succeed in the future. They had successfully managed to avoid negative peers in custody. A number of Special Escorted Leaves had been undertaken without incident.
7. A robust risk management plan was in place for the offender, and all of the necessary supports were available at the time to manage their licence. The offender had developed a good relationship with their supervising officer, and expressed a strong desire to work with those tasked with their management in

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the community, accept available support and comply fully with all that is required of them.

8. In all of the circumstances, the Tribunal unanimously agreed to direct release subject to licence conditions.