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Date considered: 20 July 2022

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 offender gave evidence to the Tribunal, in which it was clear that they have taken a lot from programme work and have been able to evidence their learning. The offender has considered their long-term goals in obtaining employment in the future and realises that this, together with ongoing positive engagement with supports, will assist them with achieving their aim of desisting from further offending.
6. The offender has had community access from both National Top End (NTE) and the Open Estate, all of which has passed without incident. Furthermore, the offender has attended college from the Open Estate and has received positive reports of their interaction with staff and other students.
7. The offender has well-developed and realistic plans for release, including interacting with the supports they have already established contact with in the community. The Tribunal noted the offender's relationship with their Community Based Social Worker (CBSW) and noted the examples provided of their ability to be open and honest with their CBSW and discuss any issues arising.
8. Both the offender's prison based social worker and CBSW recommend their release. Given the examples of positive decision-making during their community access, reports of their interactions with staff and students at college and clear

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recognition of their risks and how to manage these, the Tribunal saw no reason to depart from this view.

9. Accordingly, the Board directed release on licence conditions which it deemed lawful, necessary and proportionate to manage the offender's level of risk in the community.