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FIONA BARBIERI GRANTED PAROLE WITH 18 STRICT CONDITIONS

Offender Fiona Barbieri will be released on parole following evidence given to the State Parole Authority (SPA) from a leading forensic psychiatrist.

In an extensive report, Justice Health and Forensic Mental Health Network psychiatrist, Dr Gordon Elliott, submitted Barbieri's mental health had significantly stabilised during her incarceration, leaving her a low risk to community safety.

In 2012, Barbieri was sentenced to 10 years behind bars including nine years for the manslaughter of Detective Inspector Bryson Anderson, at Oakville.

At sentencing, the judge accepted the offender was suffering a substantial impairment of an abnormality of the mind at the time of the offending.

She was sentenced to a non-parole period of 6 years and 6 months which expired in June.

The SPA ordered an additional psychiatric assessment in May last year to assess the offender's mental health, including her compliance with treatment and medication.

In his report to the SPA, Dr Elliott noted the offender has been "scrupulously compliant" with medication and treatment, with no concerns or incidents reported throughout her seven years and six months in custody.

He reported the inmate "does not have any symptoms of psychosis or of any other mental health problems" and concluded she "represents a low risk for violent offending and offending generally".

At a parole review hearing today, the SPA considered the volume of evidence from medical experts, significant advice from Community Corrections and submissions from the victim's family and Commissioner CSNSW.

To the Anderson family and NSW Police, the SPA extended its sincerest sympathy for the immeasurable loss of Detective Insp Bryson Anderson, acknowledging the pain and suffering of the Anderson family and his police colleagues, adding that no sentence handed down by the courts would ever compensate for the loss of his life.

In determining parole, the SPA considered it paramount for community safety that Barbieri be released before her full sentence expires in order to ensure a lengthy period of reintegration under strict supervision and subject to conditions.

“...the risk to community safety would be increased if the offender was released later, with a shorter available period of parole, or at the end of the sentence without a period of supervised parole,” the SPA determined.

As part of the 18 parole conditions of her release Barbieri is:

- Banned from any contact with her son, her co-offender, who was also convicted of Bryson Anderson’s murder,
- Excluded from visiting four local government areas - the Hawkesbury region where the murder took place; the Hills Shire, Parramatta City and Wollondilly Shire.
- Ordered to abstain from using drugs or any substances not prescribed.
- Subject to random checks and visits by parole supervisors.

The SPA ordered the offender be released no later than 15 September.

The full list of parole conditions are set out below:

1. You must be of good behaviour.
2. You must not commit any offences.
3. You must adapt to normal lawful community life.

[When you are first released on parole:](#)

4. You must report:
 - a) to a community corrections officer at a time and place directed, or
 - b) if you have not been given a direction, to a Community Corrections office within 7 days of your release.

[While your parole is supervised:](#)

5. You must report to a community corrections officer at the times and places directed by the officer*.
6. You must comply with all reasonable directions from a community corrections officer about:
 - a) the place where you will live
 - b) participating in programs, treatment, interventions or other related activities
 - c) participating in employment, education, training or other related activities
 - d) not undertaking specified employment, education, training, volunteer, leisure or other activities
 - e) not associating with specified people
 - f) not visiting or frequenting specified places or areas
 - g) ceasing drug use
 - h) ceasing or reducing alcohol use
 - i) drug and alcohol testing
 - j) monitoring your compliance with the parole order
 - k) giving consent to third parties to provide information to the officer that is relevant to your compliance with the parole order.
7. You must comply with any other reasonable directions from a community corrections officer.

8. You must permit a community corrections officer to visit you at the place where you live at any time, and permit the officer to enter the premises when they visit you.
9. You must notify a community corrections officer if you change your address, contact details or employment. You must do this before the change occurs if practicable, or within 7 days of the change occurring.
10. You must not leave New South Wales without permission from a community corrections manager.
11. You must not leave Australia without permission from the State Parole Authority.

Additional conditions:

12. You must not use a prohibited drug or substance, except those that have been prescribed to you;
13. You must, participate in mental health intervention and engage with a general practitioner within seven days of your release. You must ensure you follow all directions of this service provider so far as treatment and medication is concerned.
14. You must comply with all directions of the mental health team, including treatment and medication (and if applicable, the conditions of a Community Treatment Order).
15. You must not possess or use a firearm or any prohibited weapon
16. You must not contact, communicate with, watch, stalk, harass or intimidate the victim's family
17. You must not contact, communicate or associate with your co-offender, without the express prior approval of your Officer.
18. You must not frequent or visit the local government areas of the Hills Shire, Hawkesbury, Parramatta or Wollondilly Shire.

A copy of the SPA's full determination is available on request and on the website.

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