

THURSDAY 3 MAY 2012

JUSTICE PRECINCT OFFICES
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PARRAMATTA NSW 2150**MEDIA STATEMENT****Baby killer refused parole**

The State Parole Authority (SPA) has refused to release convicted child killer Christopher Hoerler on the grounds it is not in the public interest.

Hoerler was refused parole at a private SPA meeting today (Thursday 3 May.)

Hoerler was unable to convince the Authority that he was rehabilitated and no longer a risk to the community.

The 35-year-old was sentenced to 14 years, four months in prison with a non-parole period of ten years, nine months for the manslaughter of a seven-month-old child in Wagga Wagga in 2000.

SPA was concerned Hoerler has not addressed his offending behaviour adequately and needed to participate in further programs.

The Authority now requires Hoerler to further address his offending behaviour and has requested a psychological report into his risk of re-offending.

When Hoerler is eventually released, he will enter the custody of the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC), after his visa was cancelled. DIAC will then deport Hoerler to Papua New Guinea.

Given he would be returned to Papua New Guinea, the State Parole Authority decided it is not in the public interest to grant Hoerler parole as he would not be subject to supervision or breach action.

In the New South Wales Court of Criminal Appeal in June 2004, Justice Adams said of Hoerler's case, "This is undoubtedly a very serious case of manslaughter. As follows from the post mortem report, the Respondent has seriously assaulted (the victim) in a number of different ways...Where death is caused by such acts, the crime is very grave, even if the result is unintentional and unforeseen."

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