

THURSDAY 9 MAY 2013

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160 MARSDEN STREET  
PARRAMATTA NSW 2150**MEDIA STATEMENT****Baby killer refused parole**

The State Parole Authority (SPA) has refused to release a convicted child killer on the grounds it is not in the public interest and he needs to complete a violent offender program.

Christopher Hoerler was refused parole for the third time at a private SPA meeting today.

The Authority was not convinced the 36-year-old was rehabilitated and no longer posed a risk to the community.

Hoerler was sentenced to 14 years, four months in prison, with a non-parole period of 10 years, nine months for the 2000 manslaughter of a seven-month-old child in Wagga Wagga.

SPA was concerned Hoerler – who has served almost 12 years in prison – 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 by completing the Violent Offender Therapeutic Program (VOTP).

The Authority took into consideration Corrective Services NSW' Community Corrections Division (CCD) recommendation to refuse Hoerler's parole.

The CCD report stated: "It is this Service's preferred program pathway for the inmate to address his offending behaviour in an intensive fashion through participation in VOTP...as recommended by the Authority.

"It is considered imperative that Mr Hoerler satisfactorily address his offending behaviour...as such release to parole is not recommended at this stage."

Hoerler will next be considered for parole in 2014.

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