

TUESDAY 1 OCTOBER 2013

JUSTICE PRECINCT OFFICES
160 MARSDEN STREET
PARRAMATTA NSW 2150**MEDIA STATEMENT****Parole decision stood over**

An offender convicted for a series of sexual assaults in company in 2000 was not granted parole today after the matter was stood over until next year.

The State Parole Authority (SPA) will next consider parole for the offender at another public hearing on 21 January 2014.

Offender 'H' cannot be named due to a non-publication order imposed by the courts as he was a juvenile at the time of the offences.

At a public hearing today Authority members requested further information be prepared before making a final decision regarding parole.

SPA also called for H to undertake further external leave including, but not limited to, day and weekend leave. It also ordered an updated report from Corrective Services NSW' Community Corrections regarding his progress while on external leave.

H will be subject to electronic monitoring and drug and alcohol abstinence while undertaking leave, which is intended to provide a graduated reintegration into the community.

In adjourning H's parole decision, SPA considered submissions on behalf of Corrective Services NSW Commissioner Peter Severin.

The Authority took into account Commissioner Severin's submission that at this time H needed to participate in more external leave, to encourage his successful reintegration into the community before being released to parole.

The Commissioner's submission stated, "A successful reintegration into the community is in the interests of the offender...and public...both in terms of protecting the safety of the community and ensuring that public confidence is maintained in the administration of justice."

H has served 13 years of a maximum 16-year, six-month sentence for his role in the offences.

He was refused parole by the Authority last year when his court-imposed 12-year non-parole period expired.

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