

# NSW State Parole Authority

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## ROBERT HUGHES REFUSED PAROLE REVIEW HEARING

The State Parole Authority (SPA) today refused to grant Robert Hughes a review hearing ordering the decision to deny him parole to stand.

He will remain in custody and will not be considered for parole again until 2021.

The SPA refused Hughes parole last month (March 12), determining that “without structured post release plans” and supervision he “presents as an unacceptable risk to community safety”.

SPA also refused an automatic review and Hughes submitted an application seeking to appeal the decision.

However, at a closed meeting today, the SPA panel agreed a review was not warranted as the reasons for his refusal have not been addressed.

At his last parole meeting, the SPA was informed Hughes, had withdrawn his International Transfer of Prisoner application, which authorities had approved, and also renounced his Australian citizenship.

NSW and the UK do not have reciprocal arrangements for parolees, only prisoners.

As such, if released to parole, Hughes would be immediately deported to the UK where he would not be supervised in the community or compelled to comply with any parole conditions.

The priority for SPA is the safety and protection of the community and the panel determined it is not prepared to release the offender into any community without the safeguard of supervision or parole conditions.

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