

NSW State Parole Authority

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SPA REFUSES MOHAMMED SKAF PAROLE REVIEW

The State Parole Authority today refused an application by Mohammed Skaf for a review of the decision to refuse him parole.

The SPA denied Skaf parole on 21 February 2020.

Today the panel confirmed the decision to refuse parole will stand.

His next anniversary consideration will be listed in November 2020.

BACKGROUND:

In refusing Skaf parole last February, the SPA accepted the advice of the Serious Offenders Review Council (SORC) that parole was inappropriate as the offender must participate in an external leave program to assist his reintegration into the community.

Due to COVID-19 all external leave programs have been temporarily suspended.

In January 2001, Skaf was sentenced to 22 years 11 months 30 days with a non-parole period of 16 years 11 months and 30 days.

His sentence expires in January 2024.

Skaf, 36, has been denied parole three times since his first consideration in 2017.

SERIOUS OFFENDER

*SKAF is a "Serious Offender" as defined in the *CAS Act* as he is serving a sentence with a non-parole period of more than 12 years. Serious offenders in custody are managed by the Serious Offenders Review Council (SORC). The SPA cannot form an *intention to grant parole* until the SORC advises the SPA that release is appropriate.

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