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## SPA FORMS INTENTION TO GRANT PAROLE TO MAK

The State Parole Authority today formed an intention to grant parole for offender, MAK, who was sentenced to 19 years for gang sex offences committed in 2002.

The matter will now be listed for a public review hearing in court, on a date to be fixed, to allow for possible Submissions to be made from the State and victims.

Considering the matter at a closed meeting today, the SPA panel accepted the recommendations of Community Corrections and the Serious Offenders Review Council supporting MAK's release to parole.

With 15 months left on his head sentence, the SORC stated it was "imperative" MAK, be supervised on parole for as long as possible, to avoid releasing him without any supervision at all.

MAK, 40, was sentenced to 15 years, commencing in 2006 and expiring 31/7/2021.

He has been eligible for parole since July 2016.

The reasons for forming the intention to grant parole are:

- Parole is recommended by Community Corrections
- SORC advised release to parole is appropriate
- The offender has participated in relevant programs/counselling to address offending behaviour
- The offender is subject to ongoing psychiatric supervision and is stable on medication
- The offender has suitable post release plans in the community
- There are appropriate interventions for the offender to participate in upon release and the offender is willing to engage in them
- There is a need for the offender to have a period of parole supervision prior to expiry of sentence to minimize the effects of institutionalization and facilitate contact with appropriate community support services
- The Authority considered the risk to community safety is increased if he offender is to be released at the end of the sentence without a period of supervised parole
- The offender's risk of re-offending can be addressed through parole supervision
- The offender has demonstrated satisfactory prison performance

- It is the offender's first period of incarceration

If it is determined at the public hearing that MAK is to be released to parole, he would be subject to significant conditions including that he comply with an ongoing forensic treatment plan; all requirements and conditions of the Child Protection Register; be prohibited from any contact with victims and from entering the Junee Shire LGA and Canterbury-Bankstown LGA.

Mandatory Electronic Monitoring would also apply.

The public review hearing will be held in Court 1A at the Sydney West Trial Court, Parramatta, on a date to be fixed.

**NB: the suppression order on the name of the offender, co-accused and victims remains in place.**

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**BACKGROUND INFO:**

\*MAK 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.