

Determination

Robert John Hill

8 February 2024

Parole Granted

The NSW State Parole Authority has made a parole order for Robert John Hill, deciding the safety of the community is best served if he remains under supervision and subject to stringent conditions during his reintegration.

His conditions include a ban from entering the Local Government Areas of the Central Coast, Newcastle, and Parramatta,

Hill was convicted of the 1999 murders of two men at Berkley Vale and discharge firearms with intent to cause grievous bodily harm against two other victims.

Following a successful appeal, Hill was resentenced to 30 years for murder, expiring 23 February 2029, with a non-parole period of 25 years, expiring 23 February 2024.

At a public review hearing held today, the SPA Chair, the Honourable Geoff Bellew SC, acknowledged the presence of one of the victims, and family members of one of the murder victims, two of whom made oral submissions to the Authority.

He said the panel had considered a large amount of material including a Community Corrections pre-release report recommending parole; a Serious Offenders Review Council report advising release was appropriate and noted the State did not make any submissions opposing parole.

The Authority was advised Hill has completed all required, and additional, programs for his therapeutic pathway, has successfully participated in work and day release and has been assessed as a medium-low risk of reoffending.

It was reported he has accepted full responsibility for his offending and acknowledged the significance and seriousness of his crime.

Hill, 67, will be released on a date not earlier than 4 March 2024 and not later than 10 March 2024 and must comply with:

- Standard Conditions of parole 1-11
- Additional Conditions that he must:
 - abstain from alcohol;
 - not use a prohibited drug or substance, except those that have been prescribed to you;
 - participate in the following intervention, CSNSW Psychology;
 - not possess or use a firearm or any prohibited weapon;
 - not contact, communicate with, stalk, harass or intimidate the victims and victims' families;
 - not frequent or visit the LGAs of Central Coast, Newcastle, and Parramatta.

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