

Parole Determination Rodney Clarke

27 November 2025

Parole Granted

Rodney Clarke, who has served more than 38 years in custody for the sexual assault and murder of a 9-year-old girl will be released on supervised parole between 27 November and 4 December 2025.

The parole order comes with stringent conditions, including 24/7 electronic monitoring, ongoing supervision, and compliance with a robust management plan prepared by Community Corrections.

His conditional release includes a ban on any contact with minors under 16 and the victim's family, no alcohol use, exclusion zones, continued psychological treatment, regular reporting to authorities and monitoring by child protection officers.

Once released, he will live in a CSNSW staffed facility ensuring immediate intervention if any breach occurs.

Clarke will be on parole for the remainder of his life, unless the order is revoked.

During the public review hearing 13 November 2025, the State opposed.

In a statement to the court, the victim's family expressed their ongoing trauma and the Authority acknowledges their enduring pain.

"We recognise the profound impact on the victim's family and extend our deepest sympathies for their loss," the Authority said.

Following a comprehensive risk assessment and careful consideration of all the available evidence, the Authority determined Clarke can be safely managed in the community under a robust post release plan developed by Community Corrections.

The Authority was given evidence that Clarke has:

- Completed his therapeutic pathway in custody including sex offender programs
- Participated in the CSNSW run Reintegration and Intensive Support Pilot program to prepare for his release on parole and transition into the community
- Successfully undertaken multiple day and weekend leave sessions and more than 550 community work projects
- Accepted responsibility for his crimes
- Maintained positive behaviour and compliance in custody

The Serious Offenders Review Council and Community Corrections which provides expert advice to the Authority recommended release as appropriate.

The Serious Offenders Review Council concluded:

“He continues to demonstrate his ability to reintegrate, and there is nothing to suggest he poses a risk to the public.”

The Authority found after nearly four decades in custody, supervised parole with intensive monitoring offers the safest and most structured pathway for Clarke’s gradual reintegration.

“This decision has been carefully made, based on all the available evidence and reflects the Authority’s commitment to community safety,” the panel said.

Clarke’s release order includes compliance with Standard Conditions of parole and the following Additional Conditions imposed by the Authority that he must:

- Abstain from alcohol
- Participate in CSNSW Psychology services
- not contact, communicate with, watch, stalk, harass or intimidate the victim’s family.
- Not be in the company of a person under the age of 16 years unless accompanied by a responsible adult, as determined by his Officer. He also must not engage in written or electronic communication (including through social media) with any person under the age of 16, other than with those approved by his Officer
- Not visit or frequent the LGAs of Shellharbour, Campbelltown, Hills Shire, Inner West and Parramatta

ENDS

Background:

In 2005 Clarke’s sentence was determined to Life with a non-parole period of 28 years which expired in 2015. He has served 10 years beyond his parole eligible date. His life sentence for murder has no expiry date and he will remain on parole for life unless revoked.