

Parole Determination Maumaga Leiataua

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Parole Granted

The NSW State Parole Authority has made a parole order for inmate Maumaga Leiataua who will be taken into immigration custody for deportation, on his release from custody.

Samoan national, Leiataua was convicted of the stabbing murder of his ex-partner at Whalan, in Sydney's west, on 11 March 2007.

His sentence of 23 years and 6 months expires 10 March 2031 and his non parole period of 17 years and 6 months expires 10 September 2024.

The Authority confirmed at the offender's review hearing, that the Serious Offenders Review Council (SORC) advised parole was appropriate.

The SORC, noting that the offender is subject to deportation if granted parole, advised "nothing more meaningful can be achieved while he remains in custody and that his release to parole will be sufficient for his re-integration and the protection of the community."

Community Corrections did not recommend parole but told the Authority the offender had completed therapeutic programs as required of him and had participated in employment while in custody.

The State did not oppose parole.

Having considered all the material before it, the Authority determined parole to be in the interests of the safety of the community and directed Leiataua be released 10 September 2024 when he will be taken into the custody of Australian Border Force officials.

Should he return to Australia, he will be subject to parole which includes supervision by Community Corrections and strict conditions.

His parole order remains in force until his sentence expires 10 March 2031.