

Parole Determination

Mathew Lawton

25 January 2024

Mathew Lawton – Parole Granted

The NSW State Parole Authority has granted inmate Mathew Lawton parole, finding his conditional and supervised reintegration is appropriate and in the interests of community safety.

The parole decision was made following a public court review hearing today which considered material including the expert reports and advice of the Serious Offenders Review Council (SORC) and Community Corrections.

Lawton, 55, will be released on date not earlier than 8 February and not later than 15 February 2024.

Convicted of murder and conspiracy to agree to murder, Lawton was sentenced to 20 years, commencing 27 January 2009, and expiring 26 January 2029, with a non-parole period of 15 years, expiring 26 January 2024.

The Community Corrections pre-release report which recommended parole, cited Lawton's successful completion of all required programs in custody and his assessed low/medium risk of reoffending. It outlined suitable post-release plans, including approved accommodation and risk mitigation strategies for his supervision on parole.

The SORC advised the SPA it was satisfied his release on parole is sufficient for the protection of the community, stating nothing further is required of him while he remains in custody.

No State Submissions were made opposing parole.

Accepting all the expert recommendations, the SPA made a parole order Lawton must comply with:

- Standard Conditions of parole 1-11
- Additional Conditions that he must:
 - not use a prohibited drug or substance, except those that have been prescribed to you;
 - not contact, communicate with, watch, stalk, harass or intimidate the victims' family.
 - not contact, communicate, or associate with your co-offender/s without the express prior approval of your Officer.

The parole order expires 26 January 2029.