

**1,4 Butanediol**  
**Supply Large Commercial Quantity**  
*s.25(2) (NSW) Drug Misuse and Trafficking Act*

Large commercial quantity: 4kg

Maximum Penalty: Life – s.33(3)

Standard Non-Parole Period 15 years

	Name (age if known)	Offence	Amount	Plea	Sentence	Appeal	Record	Facts
1.	XY (38) <a href="#">[2010] NSWDC 217</a> Norrish QC DCJ	Supply lge comm qty 1,4 butanediol	308kg	PG (combined 50%)	5y NPP 2y 6m			<b>SNPP 15 years</b> Involved in multiple supplies over three months - supplied drugs from Victoria to people known to a friend in NSW – received approx. \$1,100-1,200 per litre on behalf of supplier – received no financial reward himself – motivated by friendship Drug user for control of chronic pain caused by serious motor accident – assistance – onerous custodial conditions - traumatic experiences in home country of Lebanon – history of hard work
2.	Wentworth <a href="#">[2022] NSWCCA 293</a>	Supply lge comm qty 1,4 butanediol  Supply lge comm qty 1,4 butanediol	100.35kg  103.77kg		<u>Aggregate:</u> 8y NPP 4y	AD		<b>SNPP 15 years</b> Supplied to undercover police officer No further details – appeal based on evidence as to health issues
3.	El-Rifai (29) <a href="#">[2023] NSWDC 264</a> Scotting DCJ	Supply lge comm qty 1,4 butanediol  Supply methylamphet  Supply heroin  Proceeds of crime  Sched: 6 offences	7903.3g  151g  70g  \$12,600	PG (25%)	<u>Indicative:</u> 3y 6m NPP 2y  2y 3m  16m  6m  <u>Aggregate:</u> 4y 6m NPP 2y 9m		Serious offences – breached community corrections order and parole	<b>SNPP 15 years</b> Drugs found during search of offender's bedroom – operating wholesale drug supply business although little information on role – some drugs for personal use – limited planning and organisation Childhood included bullying and sexual abuse resulting in drug abuse and mental health issues – causal connection – good prospects of rehabilitation – special circumstances [44] ... The drug has a relatively low street value and the expected reward is comparatively low.

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4.	Chapman (39) <a href="#">[2023] NSWCCA 259</a>	Supply lge comm qty 1,4 butanediol  Drive MV unlicensed	5,508.6g	PG (25%)	5y NPP 3y 9m  9m (concurrent)	AD	lengthy – including drugs, domestic violence, driving, dishonesty, common assault – breached parole	<b>SNPP 15 years</b> Purchased 5,445g of liquid containing Butanediol for \$5,200 for purpose of supply – also found in possession of 63.6g Longtime drug user – prospects of rehabilitation guarded – time in custody onerous due to health issues – importance of deterrence
5.	Burton <a href="#">[2023] NSWCCA 299</a>	Supply lge comm qty methylamphet  Supply lge comm qty GBL  Supply lge comm qty 1,4 butanediol  Supply comm qty amphet  Sched: Proceeds of crime	5.95kg  712.6l  1,675l  61.8g	PG (10%)  (25%)  (25%)  (25%)	<u>Indicative:</u> 3y 7m  3y  3y 1m  12m  <u>Aggregate</u> 5y NPP 3y	Crown AA <u>Indicative:</u> 6y NPP 3y 6m  6y NPP 3y 6m  6y 6m NPP 3y 10m  2y 6m  <u>Aggregate</u> 8y NPP 4y 8m	Long record - persistent offending - numerous counts of poss prohibited drugs	<b>SNPP 15 years</b> Collected drugs from post office – drugs located during search of garage / warehousing Offences committed to reduce pre-existing drug debts and to continue to fund drug addiction – <i>Bugmy</i> - dysfunctional upbringing and mental condition. CCA: significance of sentences previously imposed for separate supplies of large commercial quantities and for separate Cth offences.
6.	Sikais (32) <a href="#">[2024] NSWDC 80</a> Newlinds SC DCJ	Supply lge comm qty 1,4 butanediol  Import comm qty GBL  Sched: 4 lesser drug offences	24.24kg  43.26kg	PG (25%)	7y 6m NPP 3y 9m  7y 6m NPP 3y 9m  <u>Total:</u> 8y 6m NPP 4y 9m		Lengthy record	<b>SNPP 15 years</b> Accepted delivery of consignment of Butanediol – also involved in importation of four consignments of GBL – mid-range seriousness – hoped to pay off drug debt with proceeds Long history of drug abuse and mental health issues – remorse – motivated to deal with addiction Comments on assessing value of drugs

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7.	Bui (35-36) <a href="#">[2025] NSWCCA 114</a>	Import comm qty methamphet  Import mkt qty (cocaine)  Supply lge comm qty 1,4 butanediol  Sched: 5 offences	53.467kg   99.111kg	PG (25%)	<u>Aggregate</u> 5y   3y  <u>Total</u> 6y NPP 3y 4m	Crown AA <u>Aggregate</u> 7y 6m NPP 4y  4y 6m NPP 3y  <u>Total</u> 8y 6m NPP 5y	Record including serious drug offence.	<b>SNPP 15 years</b> Involved in criminal syndicate – import from overseas on numerous occasions in 2022 to Sydney, then transported interstate by concealment in toolboxes tracked using Apple AirTags – offender’s role to track importations and arrange to be transported out of NSW - conversations with co-offenders on encrypted messaging applications - financial gain for drugs and money. Difficult upbringing – refugee background – drug abuse. CCA: Sentence manifestly inadequate – re-sentenced on basis sat above co-offender in hierarchy - performed more physical acts and reported to individuals higher in hierarchy.

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