Murder

Non-Parole Period 30 years and above

Post Standard Non Parole Period

Maximum Penalty: Life - s.19A (NSW) Crimes Act

Standard non-parole period

20 years: all offences committed on or after 1.2.2003

25 years: offences committed on or after 1.2.2003 where victim was a police officer, emergency services worker, correctional officer, judicial officer, health worker, teacher, community worker, or other public official, exercising public or community functions and the offence arose because of the victim's occupation

offences where plea or conviction on or after 25.6.2006 and offence arose because of the victim's 'voluntary work'

offences where plea or conviction on or after 1.1.2008 and where victim was a child under 18 years of age

offences where the offence arose because of the victim's occupation as a council law enforcement officer (added 9.6.2009)

offences committed on or after 24.11.2025 and where victim was an intimate partner of the offender

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1.	**BARTON** (47) [2007] NSWSC 651 Buddin J [2009] NSWCCA 164	VG Murder Manslaughter Att Murder	37y NPP 30y FT 5y FT 13y Total: 42y NPP 35y	AD	Old offence involving fire	Fire Intent to kill	**SNPP 20 years** Shot male acquaintance in back of head during argument – manslaughter by provocation – victim a violent man blackmailing offender over many years – genuine fear for safety – cared for victim's children during following day – dosed children with methadone and set fire to house – intent to cover killing of male – 3y girl killed in fire (murder) – 5y boy rescued by offender (att murder) – significant element of planning – relationship between manslaughter and subsequent offences – murder objectively worst case Ill health – protective custody – personality deficits exacerbated by victim's behaviour and death of mother

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2.	**SW (No.3)** (34) [2009] NSWSC 1043 Hulme J [2013] NSWCCA 103	VG	Life	AA 40y NPP 30y	Nil	Starvation – neglect	**SNPP 25 years** Mother of 7y daughter who died as a result of starvation and neglect – daughter suffered developmental delay and autism – left in bedroom in unhygienic conditions - worst case Drug use – difficult personal history including possible domestic abuse within relationships – expert psychiatric evidence identified abnormal personality traits Father [BW] sentenced for manslaughter. Reasons for life sentence at first instance: grave nature of offence – retribution, punishment and deterrence Reduction on appeal: in view of expert psychiatric evidence did not come in worst case category
3.	**MILAT** (17) [2012] NSWSC 634 Mathews AJ [2014] NSWCCA 29 Co-offender: KLEIN	PG (No discount)	43y NPP 30y	AD	Mid-range PCA	Axe Intent to kill	**SNPP 25 years (for Klein only)** Offenders and another friend invited victim to accompany them to Belanglo Forest – M took double sided axe from vehicle and struck victim in torso and to back of head – killing recorded by K on mobile phone - "thrill kill" – planned and premeditated - in company - gratuitous cruelty. Personality dysfunctions and lack of empathy - poses substantial risk of violent re-offending - serious potential danger to community – no remorse – worst case category murder
4.	**STANI-REGINALD** (21) [2013] NSWSC 567 Price J	PG (no discount) Murder Agg sexual assault Sched: s.61J	45y NPP 30y 15y NPP 10y (concurrent)		Armed rob, assault with intent to rob, stalking, damage property by fire	Strangulation Intent to kill	**SNPP 20 years** Lived in neighbouring unit to victim (female aged 24y) – raped and strangled victim – placed body in suitcase then called taxi and took ride to outer area dumping suitcase in stormwater canal – had undertaken extensive internet searches of websites regarding rape, murder and serial offenders prior to committing offence – offence planned well before murder – worst case category Difficult upbringing – father in jail for murdering offender's mother when he was young – no evidence of psychiatric illness - youth

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5.	**LOVERIDGE** (18) **AB** (17) [2013] NSWSC 1591 Adams J (AB) [2014] NSWCCA 339	VG Murder PG s.112(3) s.96 Recruit child to commit crime Influence Witness PG Murder s.112(2) Intimidate Sched: One offence	45y NPP 30y 10y NPP 7y 6m 1y 8m NPP 1y 3m FT 3y FT 3y (all concurrent) 45y NPP 30y 7y 6m NPP 5y 6m FT 2y (all concurrent)	AD	Minor record – breached bond Lengthy and violent record – breached probation – violent record in custody	Stabbing Intent to kill	**SNPP 20 years** Broke into neighbouring house at night – assaulted 87y female occupant with walking stick – made threats – stole property Premeditated and unprovoked attack on three male strangers walking down the street – L slashed knife against neck of one male – knocked second male to ground – 'cowardly, sadistic, pitiless, deadly attack, stabbing and cutting him repeatedly' – left scene then returned to continue assault – attack included intent to torture – both represent danger to community – worst case AB threatened girlfriend – L threatened witness L – seriously deprived childhood affecting ability to make moral judgments – low intelligence – drug and alcohol abuse AB – severely deprived childhood including violence – limited education – drug and alcohol abuse – no discount for guilty plea for murder offence
6.	**ROSS** (29) [2014] NSWSC 707 Rothman J [2016] NSWCCA 176	VG	40y NPP 30y	AD	BES - assault	Assault Intent GBH	**SNPP 25 years** Killed 2y daughter of de facto - mistreated child during two months prior to death – forced her into cold shower and hit her head against shower screen – kicked collapsed child forcing her head to hit linen cupboard – injured child left in pram unattended for night and day – unplanned and unpremeditated Bipolar disorder and high-level personality disorder – heavy smoker of cannabis – difficult childhood – Aboriginal male - No relevant Fernando considerations – no remorse
7.	**CRAMP** (39) [2015] NSWSC 271 Adams J [2016] NSWCCA 305	VG	40y NPP 30y	AA 34y NPP 25y 6m	Record for violence	Stabbing Intent to kill	**SNPP 20 years** Attended former workplace during day and stabbed employee through neck severing spinal cord – motive for killing unclear – cut wires to security cameras in view of other employees Affected by ice but not irrational – dangerous On appeal – manifestly excessive

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8.	**KELSALL** (20) [2015] NSWSC 480 RA Hulme J [2017] NSWCCA 240	VG Murder Indecent assault	40y NPP 30y FT 1y Total: 40y 3m NPP 30y 3m	AD	nil	Stabbing Intent to kill	**SNPP 20 years** Followed male stranger home late at night – entered through unlocked door – found male stranger in bedroom asleep or intoxicated – touched penis and stabbed multiple times (more than 20 wounds) – no motive although had previously reported thoughts of killing random stranger No remorse – questionable prospects of rehabilitation
9.	**DENT** (53) [2016] NSWSC 444 RA Hulme J [2017] NSWCCA 166	VG Murder Agg rob in comp 3 x contempt	40y NPP 30y No penalty FT 1y / FT 6m Total: 42y NPP 32y	Conviction AD	Extensive record including murder as a 17y old – breached bail for drug offences	Assault Constructive murder Intent GBH	**SNPP 20 years** Joint plan between four offenders - victim lured by offender and co-offender to park for robbery – assaulted, clothing removed, hogtied and gaged with underpants by offender – dominant offender – intended GBH and did not care if died Contempt offences – assaulted co-offenders in dock – threatened judge – sacked counsel and refused to proceed with trial Institutionalised
10.	**DROUDIS (No.16)** (33) [2017] NSWSC 20 Johnson J [2020] NSWCCA 322	VG	44y NPP 33y	AA 35y NPP 26y 3m	Breached bail Subsequently sentenced for offensive use of postal service	Stabbing and set on fire Intent kill	**SNPP 20 years** Female - at instigation of partner stabbed partner's ex-wife in stairwell of units 18 times – set victim alight without knowing if already dead and creating danger to other residents – carefully planned – desire to secure custody of partner's two children circumventing court order - partner a violent extremist who subsequently died in café siege – highly unusual and influential relationship but no reduction in culpability Attempt made to deflect police investigation showing lack of remorse – prospects of rehabilitation fair – some credit for cooperation during trial On appeal: error in assessment of death of offender's partner on risk of re-offending and rehabilitation prospects

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11.	**F. QAUMI** (31) [2017] NSWSC 774 Hamill J [2019] NSWCCA 60 (conviction appeal against murder dismissed) [2020] NSWCCA 163 (conviction appeal against two counts allowed – sentence appeal allowed) Co-offender: M.QAUMI NK	VG Murder 2 x s.33(1)(b) Consp to murder 2 x Solicit murder Attempt murder s.93GA(1B) – fire at dwelling 3 x unauth poss firearm Supply lge comm qty drugs s.93T(4A) direct criminal group (10% for offer) Manslaughter Unauth poss firearm	<u>Indicative</u> 45y NPP 33y 9m 10y NPP 7y 6m 12y NPP 9y 12y NPP 9y 12y NPP 9y 6y NPP 4y 6m 4y NPP 3y 6y NPP 4y 6m 8y 14y 6y NPP 4y 6m <u>Aggregate</u> 60y NPP 43y	AA <u>Indicative</u> 45y NPP 33y 9m 10y NPP 7y 6m 12y NPP 9y 12y NPP 9y 12y NPP 9y Conviction AA 4y NPP 3y 6y NPP 4y 6m 8y 14y 6y NPP 4y 6m <u>Aggregate</u> 58y NPP 42y	Lengthy record	Shooting Joint criminal enterprise Intent to kill	**SNPP 20 years** Leader of criminal gang - directed multiple shooting incidents over one month – premeditated and planned incidents in context of violent gangland war – co-offenders included brothers Murder committed for contract payment of substantial amount of money – gave orders and supplied weapons Manslaughter act of excessive self-defence after hearing about contract put out on life by rival gang – shooters opened fire on garage of suburban house killing one occupant and seriously injuring second - shooting of several rival gang members at their homes - teenage girl suffered serious and permanent injuries - ordered drive by shooting at home of mother of intended victim – on arrival shooter hesitated due to presence of women and children and shot at group of gang members nearby injuring one Found in possession of 1,894.4g relatively new psychoactive substance Refugee from Afghanistan – suffered extreme and traumatic violence as a child – continued to suffer trauma in India and later in Australia under father and as witness to school killing – early drug abuse – PTSD, substance abuse disorder and anti-social personality disorder – some reduction in moral culpability but also dangerousness – harsh custodial conditions No life sentence because of subjective features On appeal: conviction appeal for s.93GA(1B) allowed – error in SNPP for several offences

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12.	**LN** (40) [2017] NSWSC 1387 Johnson J [2020] NSWCCA 131	VG	44y NPP 33y	AA 38y NPP 28y 6m	Nil	Assault Intent to kill	**SNPP 25 years** LN mother of 3y male victim - AW stepfather and LN's partner - LN killed child – AW guilty by extended joint criminal enterprise – victim assaulted over 51-day period before murder – extensive emotional and physical abuse – fatal injuries committed by LN attacking victim - substantial acceleration/deceleration forces - pattern of assaults taken into consideration in assessing objective seriousness LN: objective seriousness very significantly above mid-range – mental illness - troubled background - drug and alcohol abuse – no insight into offence – no remorse or contrition CCA: error in relation to effect of offender's mental illness on moral culpability
13.	**AW** (45) [2017] NSWSC 1387 Johnson J [2025] NSWCCA 47	VG	40y NPP 30y	Conviction AD	limited	Assault Accessory	**SNPP 25 years** LN mother of 3y male victim - AW stepfather and LN's partner - LN killed child – AW guilty by extended joint criminal enterprise – Victim assaulted over 51-day period before murder – extensive emotional and physical abuse – fatal injuries committed by LN attacking victim - substantial acceleration/deceleration forces - pattern of assaults taken into consideration in assessing objective seriousness AW: objective seriousness significantly above the mid-range - no remorse or contrition
14.	**EVANS (No.3)** (25) [2017] NSWSC 1523 R A Hulme J Co-offender: SINCLAIR	VG Murder s.112(3) s.112(3) 2 x s.86(2)(a) s.86(3)	Indicative 42y NPP 31y 6m 18y NPP 13y 6m 20y NPP 15y 13y 14y Aggregate: 48y NPP 36y		Assault, AOABH, damage property	Assault intent to kill	**SNPP 20 years** Offences committed during series of home invasions with co-offenders in rural area – male murder victim attacked by offender while bound and defenceless – pick axe used to inflict severe blunt head injury – female occupant also assaulted causing serious injuries – murder well above mid-range One month earlier broke into home with co-offender and third offender at night – sleeping male occupant severely assaulted around head with pick handle causing serious and probably long term injuries – all four occupants of house threatened and tied up with duct tape and rope Offences committed to obtain money for drug (ice) addiction - ADHD – drug use from young age.

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15.	**TERKMANI** (21) [2017] NSWSC 1567 McCallum J	VG Murder s.61J	Indicative 40y NPP 30y 20y NPP 15y Aggregate 45y NPP 33y		Numerous offences involving unprovoked violence – breached strict bail conditions for serious drug offences	Assault Intent to kill	**SNPP 25 years** Bashed to death 16y male friend in abandoned house – sustained, brutal and horrific attack using variety of household items as weapons – strangled victim – repeatedly thrust handle of squeegee into anus as far as stomach wall – offences appear spontaneous – motive impossible to discern Offences extreme enough to warrant maximum penalty but declined to impose life sentence due to youth
16.	**BARRETT** (27) [2017] NSWSC 1802 Wilson J [2020] NSWCCA 11	PG (no discount) Murder Kidnapping s.86 3 x s.61N Sched: 21 sexual offences	40y 6m 9y 13m Total: 46y NPP 34y 6m	AD	Nil	Stabbing Intent to kill	**SNPP 20 years** Stabbed 25y niece of de facto living in same home – perverted sexual obsession – secretly filmed victim in shower and masturbated while victim slept – tied victim with tape, filmed her naked, stabbed her multiple times then threw body off cliff into ocean - extreme brutality – sexually motivated - sadistic act - position of trust - relatively spontaneous Age - willingness to undergo rehabilitative programmes - acknowledged responsibility - former productive life and good character (subsequently sentenced for additional sexual offences against victim)
17.	**GOODBUN** (60) [2018] NSWSC 1025 Wilson J [2020] NSWCCA 77	PG (25%) Murder Contravene DVO Use unreg firearm AOABH	40y 6m 1y 6m 1y 6m 1y 6m Total: 41y 6m NPP 31y 1m	AD	breached AVO and bail – past history including assaulting police and firearms offence	shooting intent to kill	**SNPP 20 years** Shot estranged wife – dispute over property settlement – resolved to kill wife so obtained gun and ammunition and petrol – travelled 250km to family home in early hours of morning intending to kill wife and anyone who got in his way – argued with wife then shot her four times in front of adult daughter – threatened to shoot daughter and assaulted her – premeditated execution – cruelty of inflicting four shots – breach of trust in entering house with key and assuring daughter he would not shoot victim again before firing second shot – use of gun – towards very top of range of seriousness Mental health issues unrelated to culpability to prison conditions – some history of domestic trouble

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18.	**KHAZMA** (23) [2019] NSWSC 416 Fullerton J	VG Murder AOABH AOABH	Indicative 40y NPP 30y FT 3y FT 5y Aggregate 44y NPP 33y		juvenile record	Assault Intent GBH	**SNPP 25 years** Killed daughter of de facto partner aged 2y 8m – blunt force head and spinal cord injuries – slammed victim's head into wall – next day slapped victim forcing head to hit floor – shook unconscious child with sufficient force to cause further injuries – post mortem revealed 114 inflicted injuries on almost every area of victim's body, including soles of feet - 45 separate sites of bruising, 17 thermal injuries including to perianal area and 28 probable human bite marks – majority of injuries inflicted by offender – uncontrolled rage and lack of appreciation of vulnerability of child Nothing in subjective features provides possible explanation for conduct
19.	**CC** [2020] NSWSC 946 Harrison J [2021] NSWCCA 71	PG Murder (20% combined with assistance)	40y NPP 30y	AD Crown AD	Record but no details	Shot Intent to kill	**SNPP 20 years** Contract killing – paid $20k by AM to shoot 15y male victim to avenge death of AM's nephew - AM provided gun – offender kicked open front door of victim's home where victim lived with his mother, her partner and other children – shot sleeping victim in head in bedroom - above right ear Aboriginal male - social and economic disadvantage - underlying paranoid schizophrenia - undertaking to give assistance On appeal: failure to specify discount for undertaking to give assistance did not invalidate sentence Crown appeal: despite breach of undertaking Crown able to use statement in judge alone trial and obtain utilitarian benefit

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20.	**NEY** (20) [2021] NSWSC 529 Johnson J [2023] NSWCCA 252	PG (10% - s.25F(2) *CSPA*) Murder s.33 Sched: Assault Possess	Indicative: 40y NPP 30y 8y NPP 6y Aggregate: 44y NPP 33y	AA Indicative: 36y NPP 27y 8y NPP 6y Aggregate: 40y NPP 30y	Limited – breached conditional liberty – subsequent custodial offences	Stabbed Intent to kill	**SNPP 20 years** Travelled from home suburb to city with intent to kill - booked escort and upon arrival at unit fatally stabbed female victim, filmed scene and sent footage to friends – donned balaclava to engender fear and ran through city streets brandishing knife – attempted to stab one female then stabbed second female in shoulder – subdued by civilians – several days earlier had assaulted sister in family home during argument Turkish / Cypriot background – mental health issues since 14y but treatment resistant – at time of offending suffering mental disorder which did not impede capacity – no major depressive illness – obsessed with mass killings and violent, interactive fantasy games - dangerous man – importance of community protection – expressed desire to die at hands of police of limited mitigating value Declined to impose life sentence because of mental health issues – no double counting in setting determinate term On appeal: error found in failure to consider impact of mental health issues on custodial conditions
21.	**DARCY (No.9)** (46) [2022] NSWSC 135 Lonergan J	VG	40y NPP 30y		Breached parole – domestic related offences - poisoning and assaulting previous husband, setting fire to bedroom and fraud offences	Suffocation Intent to kill	**SNPP 20 years** Female sedated male partner with drugs then used helium and plastic bag to cause suffocation – staged scene to appear as suicide – months of planning and setting of false trail to suggest victim suicidal – motivated by greed – aggravated by use of drugs and committed in victim's home – murder committed in domestic setting attracts particular consideration of general deterrence, denunciation and community protection Personality disorder
22.	**SULTANA (No.8)** [2025] NSWSC 1573 Garling J	VG	44y NPP 33y		Serious personal violence offences	Strangulation Intent to kill	**SNPP 20 years** Killed female partner – relationship at early stage – jealousy, controlling behaviour by offender - strangulation with electrical cords - significant blunt force injuries including fractured nose – sexually assaulted deceased (corpse) after killed - had brought red rope and box tape to vicinity of deceased's unit and waited 3½ hours for her - pre-meditation and planning - high-end range for murder. Schizophrenia - no matters which would lead to any reduction in moral culpability.

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