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REVIEW OF PAROLE AUTHORITY DECISION

Attorney General Greg Smith SC will ask the Supreme Court to review the decision to grant parole to the killer of heart surgeon Victor Chang, Chiew Seng Liew.

The State Parole Authority decided last Thursday that Liew should be released on parole next month.

“I received legal advice that a judicial review of the authority’s decision is warranted on two grounds,” Mr Smith said.

The authority may have failed to give adequate reasons for its decision and may have failed to take into account Liew’s deportation, Mr Smith said.

“This killer cannot be supervised by Australian authorities once he is deported and there is no way to enforce his parole conditions in Malaysia.”

“I believe it is not in the public interest to release him when he has only served one year of his six year parole period.”

Liew has served 21 years of a maximum 26 year sentence for the killing of Dr Chang in July 1991 in a Mosman street.

Mr Smith said he is also seeking further advice about the accuracy of the information provided to the parole authority about the offender’s medical condition.

The Supreme Court will be asked to consider the motion as a matter of urgency.

Liew’s earliest possible release date is October 3.