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DECISION ON CHIEW SENG LIEW

NSW Attorney General Greg Smith SC has said he decided not to appeal against yesterday's Supreme Court ruling which upheld an earlier decision to grant parole to one of the men convicted over the killing of Dr Victor Chang in July 1991.

"I have carefully considered the judgment and decided not to appeal against it," Mr Smith said.

"I admire the strength of character and dignity of the Chang family during this very difficult time."

Mr Smith said the Supreme Court had accepted his submission that the lack of supervision and enforcement of parole conditions in Malaysia was a relevant factor the State Parole Authority had to consider in its decision.

After careful analysis of the State Parole Authority's decision, the Supreme Court concluded the authority had taken sufficient notice of these issues, he said.

"We have tried to prevent the release of this offender on parole. We've done what we could."

Chiew Seng Liew is due to be handed over to immigration authorities who will arrange his deportation to Malaysia.