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THE SUPREME COURT OF  
THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

No 20828950

THE QUEEN

and

MICHAEL FRANCIS MOONEY

(Sentence)

MARTIN, CJ

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

AT ALICE SPRINGS ON THURSDAY 15 OCTOBER 2009

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HIS HONOUR: Mr Mooney, you have been convicted by a jury of murder, and I have already imposed the only sentence that the law permits to be passed for the crime of murder and that is the sentence of imprisonment for life.

As to the question of the non-parole period, the minimum period that I may impose is a period of 20 years, that is referred to in the Sentencing Act as the standard non-parole period. In certain circumstances I am permitted to impose a non-parole period that is longer than 20 years, but the Crown has not suggested that there are reasons why I should impose a longer period. That is a very proper attitude for the Crown to have adopted and I agree that the 20 year period is the appropriate period.

I fix a non-parole period of 20 years commencing 20 October 2008.

Thank you. Would you remove Mr Mooney, please, to the cells.

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