



**Lands Administration Office
Lands Department**

Practice Note

Issue No. 2/2020A

**Tree Preservation and Removal Proposal for
Building Development in Private Projects
Compliance of Tree Preservation Clause under Lease**

This Practice Note (“PN”) supplements Lands Department (“LandsD”) Lands Administration Office Practice Note No. 2/2020 (“PN 2/2020”).

2. To expedite the processing of Tree Preservation and Removal Proposal (“TPRP”) and facilitate early completion of private developments, LandsD will adopt facilitation measures when an application for land exchange, land grant or lease modification (“the proposed land transaction”) is being processed for a proposed development and where the lot owner has entered into a binding contract and paid the required deposit for the proposed land transaction. Under such circumstances, the lot owner or his appointed Registered Landscape Architect (“RLA”) may submit TPRP to the respective District Lands Office (“DLO”)¹ for consideration. The submission will be vetted and comments will be given to the applicant in accordance with the established time frame. If the submission is considered acceptable and all relevant conditions or criteria in PN 2/2020 are satisfied, formal approval to the TPRP will be given after completing the proposed land transaction. Furthermore, to enhance communication relating to landscape technical advice of TPRP, comments of the Landscape Advisory Team of the Building Plan Unit will be sent to RLA direct in advance of consolidated reply from the DLO.

3. Except as supplemented by this PN, all other information and provision in PN 2/2020 remains valid.

4. This PN will take immediate effect.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Lai'.

(Andrew LAI)
Director of Lands
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¹ DLO includes Railway Development Section and other specialized sections.