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The following Act was passed by Parliament on 2 November 2021 and assented to by the President on 17 November 2021:—

REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE

No. 36 of 2021.

I assent.

HALIMAH YACOB,
President.
17 November 2021.



An Act to amend the Preservation of Monuments Act and to make a related amendment to the National Heritage Board Act.

Be it enacted by the President with the advice and consent of the Parliament of Singapore, as follows:

Short title and commencement

1. This Act is the Preservation of Monuments (Amendment) Act 2021 and comes into operation on a date that the Minister appoints by notification in the *Gazette*.

Amendment of section 2

2. Section 2 of the Preservation of Monuments Act (called in this Act the principal Act) is amended —

(a) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “information notice”, the following definitions:

““inland waters” means any river, stream, reservoir, lake or pond (whether natural or artificial) within the limits of the territorial waters of Singapore;

“land” includes any foreshore, site or underground space;”;

(b) by deleting the words “, or the remains of” in the definition of “monument”;

(c) by inserting, immediately after paragraph (a) of the definition of “monument”, the following paragraph:

“(aa) any site;”;

(d) by deleting the full-stop at the end of the definition of “preservation order” and substituting a semi-colon, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following definitions:

““proposed national monument” means a monument covered by a notice under section 11(7)(a) of the Minister’s intention to make a preservation order protecting the monument;

“site” means —

(a) any open space;

(b) any inland waters; or

(*c*) an area of land (including any building, structure, erection, statue, sculpture or other work, vegetation, inland waters or physiographical formation, or any combination thereof) containing anything that evidences human activity, present or past,

but excludes a site falling within paragraph (*b*) or (*c*) of the definition of “monument”;

“statutory authority” means a body established or constituted by or under a public Act to perform or discharge a public function, and includes a Town Council.”.

Amendment of section 4

3. Section 4 of the principal Act is amended —

- (*a*) by deleting the words “and preservation” in paragraph (*c*) and substituting the words “, preservation or maintenance”;
- (*b*) by inserting, immediately after the words “the preservation” wherever they appear in paragraphs (*d*), (*f*) and (*h*), the words “or maintenance”; and
- (*c*) by inserting, immediately after the words “national monuments” in paragraph (*e*), the words “and proposed national monuments”.

Amendment of section 5

4. Section 5 of the principal Act is amended —

- (*a*) by deleting paragraph (*a*) and substituting the following paragraph:
 - “(a) advise on, supervise, control and require alterations, repairs, maintenance, renovations or construction of any kind to be made to any national monument or

proposed national monument for the purpose of ensuring the better preservation of the national monument or proposed national monument;” and

- (b) by inserting, immediately after the words “national monument” in paragraph (b), the words “or proposed national monument”.

Amendment of section 11

5. Section 11 of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) by inserting, immediately after the words “a preservation order” in subsection (2), the words “and any land containing or adjacent to the monument that is specified in that preservation order”;

- (b) by inserting, immediately after subsection (7), the following subsection:

“(7A) To avoid doubt, the Minister is not prevented from —

(a) amending or revoking a preservation order relating to a national monument; or

(b) making a preservation order in relation to a proposed national monument,

if no objection is submitted to the Board under subsection (7)(b) in relation to that national monument or proposed national monument, as the case may be.”;

- (c) by inserting, immediately after the words “deal with any” in subsection (10), the words “proposed national monument,”; and

- (d) by inserting, immediately after the words “national monuments” in subsection (12), the words “and proposed national monuments”.

Amendment of section 15

6. Section 15 of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) by inserting, immediately after the words “national monument” wherever they appear in subsection (1)(a) to (d), the words “or proposed national monument”;
- (b) by deleting the words “or flood the land” in subsection (1)(c) and substituting the words “or pollute or flood the land or site”;
- (c) by inserting, immediately after subsection (1), the following subsection:

“(1A) A person must not, without the prior written permission of the Board, and whether as principal or agent —

- (a) clear, dig up, excavate or cultivate any plant or tree on or in a national monument or proposed national monument which is a site;
- (b) extract, mine, quarry or interfere with any earth, stone, clay, gravel, sand, shell, minerals, mineral oil, natural gas, or any thing or group of things that evidence human activity (present or past), found on, in or forming part of a national monument or proposed national monument which is a site;
- (c) destroy the relationship of a building and its environment that is incompatible with the character of the neighbourhood in a national monument or proposed national monument which is a site;
- (d) park or leave any vehicle or vessel on or in a national monument or proposed national monument which is a site; or