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Dear Sir

**REVISION TO THE MEASUREMENT OF GIRTH SIZE OF TREES WITHIN TREE CONSERVATION AREA AND VACANT LAND**

1. Currently, trees growing in the Tree Conservation Area (TCA) or vacant land of girth size more than one metre are protected under the Parks and Trees Act (Cap. 216). The girth size is measured half a metre from the ground.
2. With immediate effect, the girth size of trees in the TCA or vacant land shall be measured one metre from the ground in accordance with the amended Parks and Trees Act and Regulations.

**Transition**

3. This new measurement method is in line with standard arboriculture practices. However, we recognize that the industry will need to make necessary arrangements to adopt the new measurement method. As such, this new measurement method will only apply to new development applications submitted to NParks on and after 1 June 2018.
4. We have updated the handbook on tree conservation and tree planting provision for development projects on the new measurement method.
5. We would appreciate if professional bodies could convey the content of this circular to your members. For feedback or queries concerning this circular, please call our enquiry line at 6471 7842 or email us at NParks\_PTRS\_Registry@nparks.gov.sg.
6. The circular is also available on our website: <https://www.nparks.gov.sg/>.

Thank you.



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