

Timeline of events



Oct 2010

Lee Kuan Yew writes to Cabinet, puts on record his wish to demolish the house after his death

Jan 2011

He reiterates this wish in a new book

Mar 2011

Newspaper editors tell Mr Lee they would prefer the house to be kept, given its historical importance and heritage value

May 2011

Mr Lee steps down from Cabinet

July 2011

Mr Lee writes to Cabinet a second time, to reiterate he wants the house to be knocked down. Cabinet ministers, except for PM Lee, are unanimous in expressing opposition to knock the house down

Aug 2011

Mr Lee wills the house to PM Lee as part of his share of the estate

Aug 2011

PM Lee and Ho Ching propose the house be renovated instead of demolished; Mr Lee accepts

Dec 2011

Mr Lee tells family it is best to redevelop the house immediately after his death and do what PM Lee and Ho Ching had proposed

Dec 2011

Mr Lee writes to Cabinet a third time, says that if the house is to be preserved, it needs to have its foundations reinforced and the whole building refurbished.

Early 2012

Mr Lee meets architect, goes through proposal, approves scheme to reinforce foundations and renovate the house

Mar 2012

Mr Lee signs authorisation to submit development application to URA; URA approves this in April 2012

Mar 23, 2015

Mr Lee dies at the age of 91

Apr 12, 2015

Mr Lee's last will read to his three children, the will contains the Demolition Clause. Lee Hsien Yang objects to renovation plans for the first time

Apr 15, 2015

PM Lee recuses himself from all discussions and decisions related to the house, places DPM Teo in charge. PM Lee divests himself of the house

Jun 8, 2015

National Heritage Board signs Deed of Gift with Lee Hsien Yang and Lee Wei Ling. PM Lee receives a copy of the Deed on Jun 12

Jun 25, 2015

PM Lee informs Lawrence Wong, then-Minister for Culture, Community and Youth, that notwithstanding his position on Deed of Gift, he does not object to SG50 exhibition "We Built A Nation" on Singapore's founding fathers

Sep 21, 2015

Exhibition opens, delayed from original opening date of Aug 6

Jul 2016

Cabinet approves proposal by National Development Minister Lawrence Wong to set up ministerial committee to discuss options for the house

Jul 2016

PM Lee and his siblings are informed separately, in writing, that committee has been formed