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## ***The government wants to abolish municipalities' veto on uranium mines***

The Government proposes a change in the law that removes the municipalities' ability to stop uranium mining through veto. The change could benefit listed District Metals, which wants to start a mine in Berg municipality – where municipal politicians have so far clearly said no.



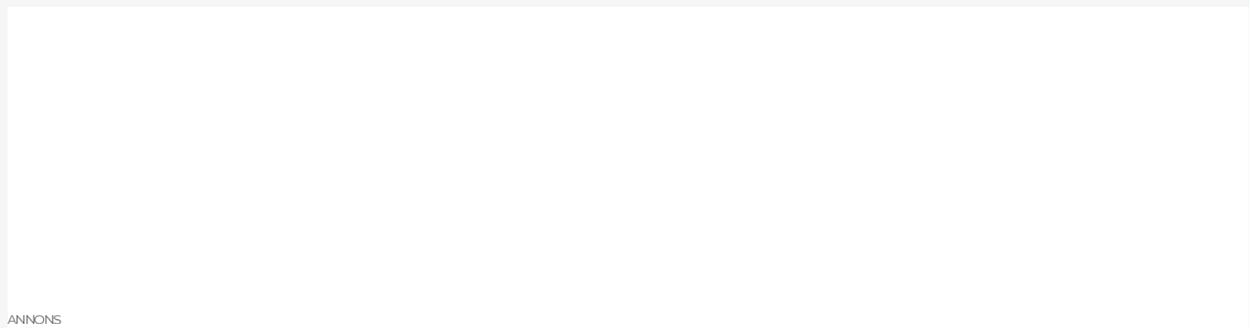
The government wants to pave the way for uranium mining in Sweden by abolishing the municipalities' right of veto, something that could have an impact on deposits in Jämtland, among other places. Photo: Helena Landstedt/TT, Jonas Ekströmer/TT

The government has previously expressed a clear ambition to see uranium mines established in Sweden. Until now, however, it has been possible for municipalities to stop such projects through a veto.

Now that can change.

In a **new bill**, the Government proposes that uranium extraction facilities should no longer be classified as nuclear facilities.

Thus, the requirement for the municipality's approval in the event of an establishment is abolished, which in practice means that their ability to veto disappears.



The amendment is proposed to enter into force on 1 July 2026, in direct connection with the lifting of the ban on uranium mining at the end of the year.

**THE LAW COULD OPEN UP FOR DISTRICT METAL'S PLANS**

The change could have direct consequences for **District Metals**, a Canadian exploration company that was listed on First North earlier this year.

The company has stated its ambition to mine uranium in Sweden.

They have secured rights to parts of the Viken deposit in Berg municipality, which according to geologists is the only place in the country where uranium mining can become profitable.

But the plans have so far been met with a unanimous no from all the municipality's parties, citing the risk of impact on the local drinking water.

The politicians have been clear that they would use their veto if an application for uranium mining was submitted.

If the law is changed, the possibility of stopping projects through a veto disappears. However, the municipality retains some influence through the planning and building legislation and the environmental assessment.

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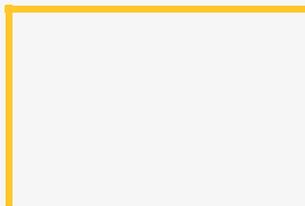
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