

Done: The ban on uranium mining will be removed next year

The ban on uranium mining in Sweden is being removed. In the short term, the government also wants to abolish the municipal veto completely.

"There should be no difference between mining uranium and other metals, according to this government," says Climate and Environment Minister Romina Pourmokhtari (L) at a press briefing.

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Uranium mining will be allowed in Sweden from 1 January 2026, according to Climate and Environment Minister Romina Pourmokhtari (L). **Photo:** Samuel Steén/TT

A bill on the abolition of the uranium ban will be submitted by the government on Thursday. The amendment is proposed to apply from 1 January 2026, says Romina Pourmokhtari.

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"Sweden has good conditions to mine what we need," she says.

As a first step, the municipalities will have a certain municipal veto left, but not for smaller extractions in mines where uranium is found as a secondary raw material.

But the government wants to go further and [proposed in a memorandum last summer](#) that uranium mining should not be called a nuclear facility, but a nuclear activity. This means that the rules for municipal veto in uranium mining no longer apply at all.

Thus, a municipality will not be able to stop a mine owner who wants to search for and mine uranium.

"But the municipalities will still have some influence through the Planning and Building Act," says Romina Pourmokhtari.

She believes that if Sweden is to have nuclear power, it must be open to also mining the raw material, uranium.

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"I think you should stand up for that need."

The opposition party Social Democrats (S) is opposed.

"We say no to uranium mining. There are too many risks regarding the environment and water quality. If the government goes ahead, the municipalities must be given a veto," writes S in a comment to TT.