Development of mining legislation

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Government programme

• List of activities in order to increase and improve the environmental performance and safety of mining whilst securing the operational environment and increasing influence possibilities for landowners and municipalities

• Separate activities concerning taxation listed

• General objectives
  • climate neutrality
  • resilience
  • energy and raw materials efficiency
  • circular economy
Ongoing activities, MEAE

• Participating in legislative projects in other ministries

• Preparation of government proposal: changes to Mining Act
  • Scheduled to December
  • Hearing apr. in September-October
  • Draft in June-July
  • https://tem.fi/kaivoslakiuudistus (in finnish)

• Working group to support the preparation
  • 1. meeting in March, hearing of researchers
  • 2. meeting in April, hearing of environmental organisations
  • 3. meeting in June, hearing of researchers

• Public engagement besides hearing procedure
  • Public hearing/discussion events were planned, but corona …
  • Online questionnaire, open for ~3 weeks in April-May (until 18.5.)
  • Online discussion 27.5.
  • Similar arrangement even in autumn prior to hearing procedure
Citizens´ initiative

• 58 000 signatures
• Initiative was sent to the Parliament - Commerce Committee

• Commerce Committee
  • Hearings of specialists
  • Committee report has been prepared
    • Recommendations
    • Issues that need further assessments
    • Guidance for MEAE- project

• Parliament´s final response is not given yet
Studies

• PM´s O: Study on the economic impacts of mining sector in Finland, nationally and more regionally, published

• PM´s O: Study on the value of national geodata, to be published soon

• MEAE: Study on collateral in mining permit, to be published soon, to be translated

• PM´s O: Study on specific mining tax, results 4/2021