



Letters to the editor

OPINION

Re: “ Legault unveils first two
Quebec Innovation zones ”



Language policy versus economics

The CAQ cabinet really needs to work on policy cohesion. Premier François Legault’s plan to create “innovation zones” to build a wealthier Quebec or, as he puts it, “the Quebec economy of tomorrow” seems like sound economic policy. But it needs to be properly supported.

We can expect that the success of these innovation zones especially those reliant on information technology and artificial intelligence will be significantly dependent upon English language proficiency. Unilingualism will have no place in zones that rely on global perspectives.

The hard truth is that English language proficiency will be critical to the future economic growth of Quebec. It’s time for courageous and principled politicians to start saying this. Bill 96 seems hardly conducive to the success of innovation zones that will be receiving millions in government support.

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