

Traffic lights scrapped for intersection

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CAIRNS Regional Council has canned plans to install traffic lights at the end of Kamerunga Rd in Redlynch.

Division 6 councillor Linda Cooper said the idea of installing lights at the busy intersection was unpopular with businesses, which thought the lights would impact sales.

She indicated council had gone back to the drawing board to find a solution to manage high traffic flows and pedestrian safety.

"I knew that there would be a lot of issues in this area and there was when we went out and did the consult," she said.

"What we are now doing is looking at an intersection that is basically the way it is, but

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with a lot more vegetation, a lot more pedestrian crossings and a lot more slow-down movement, so we still have car parking in front of the IGA.

"We will still have all the through movements without the traffic lights and we will slow traffic down through the beautification project. Pedestrian crossings will be brought closer in and there will be more links to get across from the Red Beret."

Red Beret Hotel owner Tom Hedley, when council first announced plans in August, thought the council should revisit a decade-old proposal to turn the small Redlynch business district into a village like Collins Ave in Edge Hill.

Christine Archibald of the IGA X-press on Redlynch Intake Rd has been opposed to the installation of the lights but was not convinced the new council proposal had merit.

Cr Cooper said the council was working on design solutions which would be discussed with the community in the coming weeks.

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