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The Regional Director Australian Competition and Consumer Commission GPO Box 3131 Canberra ACT 2601

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To the Regional Director,

I refer to the denial of service action taken by Visa, Mastercard and Paypal in relation to international funds transfers to Wikileaks.

It is now public knowledge that these three global payment services have taken the irregular step of stopping their support of funds transfers to Wikileaks.

am concerned that Australian consumers may be being inappropriately denied the ability to transfer funds to Wikileaks.

Visa, Mastercard and Paypal are dominant amongst global payment services, with many users in Australia. I seek your view on whether their coordinated stoppage of services to Wikileaks constitutes a misuse of market power under the *Trade Practices Act* 1974.

Would you please look into this issue as soon as possible?

Yours sincerely

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