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This is an utterly ridiculous move by eBay. They are corraling members into a scheme that the majority of eBay member who don't use Paypal, just do not want full stop. It is unfair and anti-competitive.

They will always use the excuse of protecting the consumer but does how exactly does it protect anyone? Given that people will now be more readily able to use credit (Paypal links to credit cards) I can only see the incidence of fraud actually **increasing**. At the same this increases eBay profit in a HUGE way.

As we all know eBay owns Paypal and given the ridiculous fees and charges Paypal employs it is absolutely no wonder most do not use it. If the PP fees were at a fair and appropriate level then everyone would be using them. Why should the majority of well meaning eBayers now pay for Paypal to cover the relatively small number of fraudulent transactions? Members are now going to end up supplementing a system to effectively only make loads more money for eBay.

Removing the choice of payment options is 100% anti competitive given that eBay already has a virtual monopoly in the online marketplace. There are virtually no competitive online marketplace websites currently.

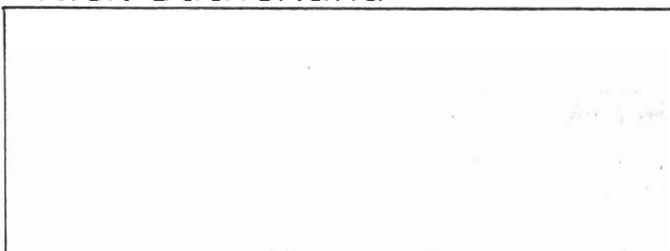
I'd also like to ask why eBay is using Australia as a test case for this? Because we will happily accept it? No way we will!

The absolutely **LAST** thing the ACCC should do is give Ebay/Paypal impunity against future anti-competitive legal actions in the future. I mean why do you think they have requested this from you the ACCC in the first place anyways!!??? Because they **know** it is anti-competitive.

Do the right thing ACCC, and do not do this for them.

rgds

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