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From: b.lawrence [mailto:b.lawrence@adjudication.gov.au]
Sent: Wednesday, 23 April 2008 9:52 PM
To: Adjudication
Subject: Re: eBay International AG exclusive dealing notification N93365,-interested party consultation [SEC UNCLASSIFIED]

Dear Sir / Madam,

Please accept my submission opposing eBay International AG's intended restriction of any other acceptable payment methods except for Paypal.

The move to having Paypal (also owned by eBay) as the ONLY means of payment offered by eBay sellers is monopolistic, un-Australian, anti-choice and akin to a Westfield mall forcing the proprietors of all stores therein to accept only a Westfield credit card as payment.

The "cash on pick up" option is not applicable given that the majority of eBay transactions are conducted on an interstate basis. Those in remote areas will also be placed at a disadvantage having even less choice than others.

There is no benefit to the eBay buyer by allowing this change. There are absolutely no benefits for eBay sellers by allowing this change. In fact us sellers will be worse off financially and security wise. I'm sure you will hear sellers fears of how easy it will be for scammers to cheat sellers out of the item and money. To which there will be little recourse for the seller. The only entities that will benefit is eBay/Paypal and illegal scammers.

I offer Paypal as one of many methods of payment to my buyers because I believe they should be afforded just that - a choice. At present my sales would be 40% paypal, 57% bank transfer and 3% pickup and money order. Most of my customers are wary of paypal and similar payment gateways and have told me they wont be using ebay anymore if paypal is the only payment option.

I find it insulting to be told its merely about improved security when we'll have to pay yet another set of fees for every item sold and theres no other choice. Mine and many other businesses will be negatively affected by this blatant grab for more fees. I really hope the ACCC makes the right decision and stops ebay from doing this? It will put a lot of sellers out of business Sincerely yours.

Bede Lawrence