

Dear Sir / Madam,

Please accept my submission opposing eBay International AG's intended restriction of acceptable payment methods.

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 most 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 no benefits for eBay sellers by allowing this change. The only entity that will benefit is eBay.

As for eBay's submission that it is to ensure safer transactions, it in effect opens the floodgates for scams, as their policies are flawed. What makes it safer, to have Paypal controlling your money (they are not governed by laws that this country hold our banks accountable to) or a bank which is accountable and governed by law.

I offer Paypal as one of many methods of payment to my buyers because I believe they should be afforded just that - a choice.

Sincerely yours.
Melinda Crockford