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From: Stephen Fraser

Sent: Friday, 18 April 2008 5:30 PM

To: Adjudication

Subject: Submission regarding eBay exclusive dealing notification N93365

Dear Sir / Madam,

I would like to make a submission on the eBay exclusive dealing notification N93365, as requested on the ACCC Internet website from the URL <http://www.accc.gov.au/content/trimFile.phtml?trimFileName=D08+30564.pdf&trimFileTitle=D08+30564.pdf&trimFileFromVersionId=824299>

I am concerned about eBay's intention to force sellers to use PayPal exclusively, as this will reduce competition in the marketplace. Putting aside any limitation of competition in the money-transaction business, this move by eBay may also reduce competition between sellers on the eBay site itself. One only need to read the comments on the online petition named "Stop eBay from Introducing a PayPal only payment policy" located on the Internet at <http://www.petitiononline.com/ebayau/petition.html> to see that many sellers are opposed to this move. This may have the effect of alienating sellers from the web site, hence reducing competition between the remaining sellers, and therefore raising the possibility of increased prices for goods sold on eBay. This could potentially have an impact on competition in the overall retail marketplace in general, since regular retailers must also compete with online prices, however if those online prices increase as a result of reduced competition, this could theoretically result in an increase in prices in traditional bricks-and-mortar retailers.

For the reasons listed above, I do not believe this to be in the best interests of the general public.

Respectfully,
Stephen Fraser.