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**From:** Petreski, Sonya on behalf of Adjudication  
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**To:** Chisholm, Shane; Roy, Lauren  
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**From:** Craig Hughes [mailto:] **EXCLUDED FROM PUBLIC REGISTER**  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 23 April 2008 2:23 PM  
**To:** Adjudication  
**Subject:** Re: eBay International AG exclusive dealing notification N93365,-interested party consultation

Dear Sir/Madam

I both buy and sell on eBay, and I strongly oppose eBay's proposal to make their subsidiary, PayPal, the only acceptable online payment method.

Excluding other payment methods will lessen competition, to the detriment of both buyers and sellers on eBay, and also to the detriment of the companies that provide other payment services. Formerly eBay offered buyer protection to any purchase on eBay that had a verifiable record of transaction, Paymate, money order, bank transfer, merchant credit card facilities, and other methods.

That made all those methods, including PayPal, safe to an equal degree.

eBay deliberately engineered the situation by which methods other than PayPal could be called less safe by removing that protection.

As such, they have deliberately manipulated their systems to engender a situation in which they can claim 'public benefit', to introduce an anti-competitive, restrictive practice, out of which they will also make substantially more profit.

The primary benefit if this immunity is allowed to stand will be to eBay.

From my experience, PayPal's protection for sellers is almost non-existent, their protection for buyers is also fraught with loopholes and conditions which make it ineffective.

As such the benefit to eBay users in greater transaction safety will be negligible.

Regards

Craig Hughes