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Dear ACCC,

I believe you are seeking submissions regarding the fact that online portal eBay is planning to only allow payment for trades to be made through its subsidiary PayPal.

My view is that eBay is a private company and it should have the ultimate and unfettered power to operate as it sees fit. If eBay makes it a condition that PayPal must be used to pay for goods traded on its website, then people have the choice of using eBay with that condition or going elsewhere to buy and sell goods.

For instance, I run a couple of businesses and I reserve the right to withhold my services if the client does not meet my criteria. If I offer one of my package shows to a club and demand payment in Euro or Rouble and that club says that it will not pay me in those currencies, but will only pay me in Australian dollars, then I have the right to refuse the job until that club does decide to pay me in the currency of my choice. Obviously if the club does not like my conditions, it cannot force me to provide a concert to it for Australian dollars. It can simply go elsewhere for its entertainment. If it wants me badly enough, it will pay me in Euro, as I demand.

I do not see where the ACCC has any business in dictating to a private company how it should run its transactions. If eBay one day decides that all trades on its site have to be transacted using only Bolivian bananas, then that is up to eBay, even if eBay owns every banana plantation in Bolivia. It's a matter of people having the right to run their businesses the way they choose and if people don't like the way these companies operate, then it's all too simple - don't do business with them. Those companies will soon find out if they made the wrong decision when their profit margins plummet.

So I am vehemently opposed to the ACCC even examining this issue and if there are laws that prevent businesses from operating their transactions in the way that they choose, then those laws should be completely abolished.

Yours sincerely,

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