

Roy, Lauren

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From: kvrm [mailto:]

Sent: Saturday, 19 April 2008 2:33 AM

To: Roy, Lauren

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Dear Mr. Roy,

Thanks for your office having the incentive to go after this very serious - and potentially damaging - issue.

This will give notice that I wish to place the following comments on the ACCC Public Register, and that I authorise these comments to be made public to anyone who so inquires.

I would also like to be kept informed via email of the ACCC's assessment of the notification.

Sincerely,

Jason A. Houston,
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----- Original Message -----

From: kvrm

To: adjudication@acc.gov.au

Sent: Thursday, April 17, 2008 6:09 AM

Subject: problems with eBay

"In Re: eBay International A.G. notification N93365:

Please encourage your legislature to bar eBay from instituting "Paypal only" terms to its eBay.au.com User Agreement.

First, it clearly and unabashedly violates the tariffs outlined in the ACCC's "exclusive dealing notification".

Secondly, it's already illegal in most of the industrialized world. In the U.S. it violates established *anti-trust* laws. (Currently, I am promoting efforts in the U.S. to deem eBay a form of public utility so they can be managed under strict government regulation, in part due to the massive frauds they have perpetrated there.)

Thirdly, eBay's motives should always be questioned with an eye of suspicion. It is world-wide knowledge neither eBay or Paypal has ever offered anything in the way of positive changes to their site. Claims of "improved service", "customer protection" and a myriad of other hollow, worthless promises are nothing but clever marketing tricks, played on millions honest, trusting eBay users. Knowledgeable victims are aware that eBay only changes its terms if there's an added profit in it for eBay, and for no other reason whatsoever.

Fourth, to acquiesce to eBay would be to make Australia the laughing stock of the civilized world. It would also set a dangerous precedent whose negative ripples would be felt worldwide in a matter of hours.

If eBay is in financial trouble, that's their problem. They've cheated millions of people world-wide since their inception. It is not *government's* responsibility to bail them out, simply because they want to maintain unfair profits at their user's expense."

23/05/2008

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