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Subject: Re: eBay International A.G. notification N93365 [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Is it too late to return this. you can put this on the public register. i've added one line

Regarding the proposal by ebay to force all payments through paypal, I have the following comments:

- the primary purpose of ebay is to bring sellers and buyers together in an auction format;
- it does not need to be involved in the completion of the transaction;
- ebay has a monopoly on the internet auction business both nationally and globally;
- there is sufficient numbers of sellers and competition between sellers for buyers to choose their trading partners based on reputation and payment system offered;
- there is sufficient information about sellers available to buyers for them to make an informed decision as to whether to trade with a seller;
- for sales within Australia, there are numerous payment methods which incur minimal or no fees for either buyer or seller;
- forcing sellers to use paypal will considerably increase sellers costs;
- forcing payments through paypal is an abuse of ebays market dominance;
- forcing sellers to have paypal as a payment option is an abuse of ebays market dominance;
- this appears to more about increasing revenues than increasing security;
- this proposal is a restrictive trade practice which must not be permitted to proceed; and
- consideration needs to be given to demonopolising the internet auction industry by opening the ebay search engine to other listing providers.

regards,
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