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I wish to hereby register my repugnance to this monopolistic and arrogant strike at its customers by eBay.

There is little more that I can add to the myriad reasons why this is so wrong as registered by other objectors. They're all valid and well presented truths. But I'd like my voice added to them in support.

The ACCC 'defence' of eBay (as per a telecon today), that there are alternate choices for this type of service, is nothing better than a furphy. It just isn't true or actual. To use this defence for (on behalf of??) eBay, is like saying that you can't move your child to another school because of serious and endemic bullying. In theory, there're other schools, but there's a penalty to pay by moving (if indeed it's possible to move). The ACCC is implying that we should just accept the anti-competitive imposition of using a deficient and defective service (of Pay Pal).

We, the eBay customers, have NO other choice for an Australian wide-ranging on-line auction service. Because we've progressively gathered confidence in them over a time, **we've** created their market dominance, and one of the worst monster monopolies in the world. And as a result we're now forced to live with their arrogance. They are their own law unto themselves, and obviously believe they're beyond the reach of the Australian law and it's ACCC.

Where in the past I've been able to both pay and receive payments directly into/out of my nominated bank account, where I receive monies next business day (in general terms), without any additional charge at all, with complete and absolute safety, under the new bully-boy eBay tactic of being limited to **ONLY** using PayPal, I now have to cop the imposition of a fine (fee) for using a service that I don't want to use, as well as having to wait for 5 - 7 days to get MY money, **AND take the risks of losing my money** (as is well documented at sites like "paypalsucks.com". Undoubtedly, since they get the money virtually instantly, they're investing my money on the London overnight money exchange (or similar), without paying me anything for the use of MY money.

eBay provides a service to the community. PayPal does NOT provide a service to the community (just to it's owners, eBay).

Due to the service eBay provides, it will be a shame to have to abort my use of eBay. But I lived quite well prior to eBay, and I can live without it now as well.

But that does NOT resolve the problem of the anti-competitive and anti-trust nature of what they're trying on now, and apparently being supported by the ACCC (judging by the illogical and untrue stance taken by one of its staff in a telecon this morning).

How can the ACCC not see the total anti-competitive process that's now in motion? ... unless mmmm.. a worrying thought at best.

Cordially,

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