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**From:** Leanne Carroll [mailto: **PUBLIC REGISTER**]  
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**Subject:** ACCC Draft Notice 12/06/2008 re eBay notificaton N93365

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for forwarding me the ACCC's draft notice of revocation. I have read it carefully, together with most of the submissions published on the ACCC website. I lodged a submission against eBay's proposal and urged many others to do the same.

I agree with the ACCC's draft notice as I believe eBay's proposed conduct would decrease competition and not have any overall public benefit. I am grateful the ACCC took the time to listen to the people on this issue and not be steamrollered by a big corporation that I believe seeks only to improve its financial position, regardless of the effect on its customers.

I joined eBay in 2003 and had over 200 hassle-free bank deposit transaction. I only ever accepted direct deposit as payment for an item. To be told I could no longer do this and to be told there was only one way I could buy or sell, using Paypal, was a slap in the face. I do not like Paypal and do not wish to use it. I did have a Paypal account for occasional overseas transactions but was deeply unhappy with the excessive fees. I certainly will not be told it is the safest way to conduct my on-line auction experience when my own research shows me otherwise. Thus, I closed my eBay account and my Paypal account and will not use eBay again if they are allowed to continue with attempting to force people into using only their chosen method of payment and receipt. I will, however, re-open an account and buy/sell again on eBay so long as I do not have to offer Paypal as a payment option.

If I choose to sell on eBay and only accept direct deposit and a buyer wishes to accept my payment terms, then it is no one else's business apart from the buyer and seller. Ebay are only providing the venue for the sale to take place and are in no way, shape or form involved in my sale/transaction - this has been the terms since I joined ebay in 2003. It is simply a large market (like the Trash'n'Treasure markets) with the only difference being its presence is on the Internet rather than in the grounds of some disused drive-in. Like stallholders in any market, I'm happy to pay eBay some fees for using their space to advertise goods but I certainly won't be told how my customers will pay for those goods. Likewise, I will not pay for any goods purchased online through Paypal. This is my personal choice and something eBay appear to have either totally ignored or wilfully misunderstood. Just because they insist it is the safest way, does not make it so. The ACCC have highlighted that in their Draft Notice.

I thank the ACCC for its involvement in this matter. I am happy for this response to the Draft Notice to be made public and would appreciate you taking into account my additional comments on this matter.

I sincerely hope that eBay are made to revoke their decision to force Paypal on an unwilling (and in many cases, unsuspecting) public and that they will return to allowing both buyers and sellers a choice of how to conduct their eBay transactions, which choice includes bank deposit payment and receipt.

Yours sincerely,

Leanne Carroll (formerly MsLil63 on eBay)

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