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To whom it may concern,

After reading both eBay's submissions to the ACCC regarding PayPal exclusive dealing and the ACCC's draft notice of revocation, it is my opinion that the proposal would have a negative effect on the online economy. I have also read countless submissions against the proposed exclusive dealing, and each reinforces my opinion.

I have been trading on eBay for over two years now, and have never used paypal for any sales within Australia. According to eBay's Terms and Conditions, they simply provide the venue and all transactions are between the buyer and the seller. As such, both parties to each transaction should be able to freely choose how each transaction is processed.

PayPal has a history of locking accounts for extended periods of time pending investigation, whether the lock is justified or not. If eBay's exclusive dealing proposal is passed, anyone who is locked from PayPal will have no means of trading. For some eBay user's, this would mean a complete loss of income. If the proposal is not passed, people whom have been locked from PayPal are still able to trade.

To reiterate, I believe the PayPal exclusive dealing proposal would have a negative effect on the online economy and give eBay an unreliable monopoly.

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