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I have read the eBay notification and their submissions to the ACCC about exclusive dealing. I have also read many submissions against the proposed conduct and the ACCC's draft notice of revocation.

I agree with the ACCC's draft notice as I believe eBay's proposed conduct would decrease competition and not have an overall public benefit.

I would very much like to voice my support for the recent decision by the ACCC to hold eBay and PayPal accountable under Australian competition law. It is time that eBay were made to play fair in the market it dominates.

I would also like to urge the ACCC to ensure that eBay's pre-existing, anti-competitive conditions are similarly quashed. Since 17th January 2007 all new eBay sellers have been FORCED to accept payment by PayPal (or a 'merchant account credit card' which is completely unviable for the vast majority of small to medium sellers) in order to list their items on eBay. Only members registered before this date are permitted to list their items without offering PayPal as an accepted payment method.

This is from eBay's website:

To keep eBay a safe place for both buyers and sellers, sellers who register after January 17, 2007 are required to offer either PayPal or a merchant account credit card as an accepted payment method for their items. PayPal allows you to accept credit card and electronic check payments online from your buyers. You can sign up for PayPal before you list your first item for sale, or you can sign up when you list your first item.

For some sellers, the costs and risks associated with accepting payment by PayPal are unacceptable. These sellers MUST be allowed to operate their businesses as they see fit, and to choose their own payment methods and service providers. There are other third parties that offer similar (and often far superior) payment processing services to PayPal's, and a seller who is happy with a third party provider should not be forced to use the services of PayPal against their wishes.

I look forward to a fair ruling from the ACCC on this matter.

Regards
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