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From: Boyd [mailto:
Sent: Wednesday, 18 June 2008 9:43 AM
To: Adjudication
Subject: Re eBay International AG - Notification - N93365

Hi,

I am a registered eBay user who mainly buys but has also sold items on ebay.au.

I today received an email from eBay announcing that their proposed changes to make it mandatory for all sales to be paid via PayPal will be delayed until July 17th. This was advised as a response to the ACCC determination to request a delay of the implementation of these payment changes. I have never received any previous communication from eBay advising of this major change and now wish to make my concerns known.

I wish to voice my absolute and adherent objections to eBay's decision to increase their general revenue by insisting sale payments be made via the PayPal system, which I believe is owned by eBay International. I fully support the actions taken by the ACCC in seeking to ensure fair, competitive and reasonably priced payment options are available to all Australians who use eBay.

As pointed out in the ACCC determination I also believe eBay's decision "...will substantially reduce competition to supply online payment services to users of online marketplaces more generally.."

I do not have a PayPal account and will not obtain one. I will close my eBay accounts and use ozton.com.au instead if this decision is not reversed.

I also agree with the statements of the ACCC, including "...the ACCC believes that consumers are in the best position to decide which payment method is most suitable for them." I do not feel that the protection offered by PayPal warrants such a change (I'm sure it's got more to do with eBay/PayPal profits) as buyers/sellers can always choose postal insurance of their items. I would rather insure my items than insure my payment with PayPal protection, and I have trust in the ACCC & the Australian Banking industry to protect my financial transactions.

I also feel the decision of eBay seeks to erode and remove the free choice consumers may have to make the best choice in payment method according to their own circumstances.

I thank the ACCC for acting in this issue and urge the ACCC to continue working to resolve this issue with the hopeful outcome that PayPal is NOT MANDATORY within Australia for payments within eBay. Any other result would in my belief unfavourably disadvantage Australian consumers.

Yours faithfully,

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