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Subject: draft notice issued on Thursday 12 June 08 re; eBay InternationalAG - Notification - N93365

To Whom It May Concern re; (ACCC) draft notice issued on Thursday 12 June 2008 in relation to; eBay International AG - Notification - N93365

eBay has/is instigating several retrograde changes.

As both a seller and buyer on eBay Australia I would like to encourage you to permanently prevent eBay from completing one of these retrograde changes, mainly the exclusive Paypal only payments method change.

This change, (typical monopolistic behaviour) promoted by them as being a safe secure payment method is anything but safe and secure, as (I have been informed) Paypal (being a wholly owned subsidiary of ebay) is not a bank but only a clearance house, therefore user funds are not secured. Should paypal collapse all user funds will be lost, not so with the secured funds at a bank. Paypal may if it chooses to do so, quarantine a buyers payment to a seller, not so with a bank, paypal is considering delaying payments to sellers for 21 days, banks wouldn't dare doing that. Paypal is not as secure as eBay would have us believe, it does not have second level security (Factor 2) as most banks do, just ask eBay to reveal the level of hacks into paypal accounts, they don't have a good record at all. Paypal creams off about 3% on every transaction, most banks don't charge any fees to do electronic 'internet' transfers or if so it is only nominal.

No other retailer in this country requires only one form of payment via their exclusive in house payments provider. Retailers, by offering several payment methods realize it is and always should be buyer's choice, as it should also be with eBay, just because they are online makes no difference.

Do not be fooled, their (eBays) thin veil (spin) of payment security, is simply an attempt to hide the reality of their greed, the exclusive paypal only payment method is just a vehicle to increase their profits at our expense.

eBay are using us as a testing ground, no other country where eBay operates has exclusive paypal only payments method, be assured if they succeed here it will be introduced worldwide.

I fully support the ACCC in preventing this restrictive trade practice eBay is trying to introduce.

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