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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Thank you for your Draft Notice to Revoke eBay's application to limit its clients to PayPal or pick up only. I agree with this decision and strongly oppose any attempt by eBay to limit the available payment options on their site.

Once again I would like to voice my concerns about giving financial details to a company that has no legal status in the Australian financial world. By insisting that potential buyers and sellers join PayPal, eBay are inviting fraudulent dealings to abound within that market place. PayPal is NOT a financial institution, it is merely a go between, as is eBay and as such they have no need for personal details of this type. It certainly does not make the market place a safer platform for buying and selling anything. Very few of the alleged 5,000,000 registered members within Australia would have any need for \$20,000.00 buyer 'protection' scheme. I, like many other would not even consider spending this amount of money for anything offered on eBay and I certainly wouldn't arranged to pay that amount of money using an internet site, not even through one of the legitimate banking sites available.

There are many people with multiple user names on eBay, so the alleged 5 million members should not be interpreted as unique registered members. Unless eBay can provide a list of 5 million unique addresses and names to support that claim I feel it should be disregarded as unsubstantiated. I have closed my eBay registration and have no plans to rejoin regardless of the outcome of this application, and I believe there are many others who have done the same.

I have never had any problems with alternate payment methods (direct debit, money order, cash on pick up) and do not see the need to enforce a method of payment that will significantly impact on the amount of profit made by eBay while reducing the number of secure payment options currently available and the amount of profit a casual seller might legitimately expect to receive for an item they have offered.

Sincerely,
Kathryn Kerr