Submission in response to consultation on ticket reselling in New Zealand

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Organisation (if applicable)

Submitter category

Individual consumer

Have you experienced problems with ticket resale?

Yes, I have personally experienced a problem

Please share your experiences, either positive or negative

Resale of tickets at 500% profit NOT ON!

Your views on the issues

Are these problems serious enough to require changes to the law or industry practices?

Yes

Tell us what you think

Promoter and ticket agent only involved in selling.

Your views on the options, and the pros and cons

Price cap on resale tickets:

Option C: Original sale price + resale costs

Why did you choose the option above? Please explain

The event promoter should only be able to appoint ONE ticket-agent.

The only reselling should be if for some legitimate reason a person is unable to attend the event.

Then they can resell them for the costs of advertising (e.g. Trade Me)

only, but not for profit.

More information disclosure: Do you agree with this option? Why or why not?

Only if the RESALE is for genuine reasons NOT profit making.

Ban on ticket-buying bots: Do you agree with this option? Why or why not?

Yes. The allocated ticket seller only should have selling rights.

Businesses like Viagogo are burglars and this is evident with The Wiggles event. Tickets purchased for \$37.50 for children were being resold by Viagogo for \$170! Pure theft in my opinion.

Joint industry-government actions: Do you agree with this option? Why or why not?

Yes

Are there other solutions that would work well?

Have a watch-dog agency that only resale must be through them!