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?

No, I have never purchased resale tickets before

Please share your experiences, either positive or negative

I desperately wanted to buy tickets for a rugby game and it was sold out. Only available tickets were on viagogo. At 5 times the price. It was for a special occasion for family but I was not able to buy the "available" tickets due to the cost of viagogo. And when I looked further into it they wanted to sell me tickets that was clearly for the "take a kid to footy". Adult and kid, not 2 adults.

It is sad that I'm not able to support my local events due to no tickets being available at the normal cost but only spiked tickets.

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

They are buying out local events and stealing money from people who is desperate enough to get those tickets.

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

I consider anything else greedy. It's fair to recover your reselling cost but you cannot ask more for something that you have paid for

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

No. More info is not going to make it right

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

yes. That is a fair trade. Not adding huge profit magins

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

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Are there other solutions that would work well?