

## Court criticises eftpos move

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A Federal Court has ruled in favour of German grocery giant Aldi in a court case taken against Eftpos Payments Australia Limited (ePal).

In a judgment released Thursday, the Federal Court criticised ePal for failing to be clear and open that some retailers and consumers might be impacted by the decision to raise eftpos interchange fees.

Australia's only independent payments provider, Tyro Payments, has welcomed the decision, saying it brings greater transparency to the issue.

"Tyro Payments applauds the decision to protect retailer and consumer rights through full and fair disclosure by promoting a culture of transparency and fairness in banking," said CEO Joss Stollmann.

"The Aldi v ePal case unveiled the truth. Some banks have already notified retailers about increased fees. Other banks have not yet decided. Coles and Woolworths are carved out," said Stollmann.

"It is unfair that retailers and consumer will or may be burdened while Coles and Woolworths are not affected. There is no more equal playing field, not for Aldi and not for Tyro's small and medium merchants."

Stollmann said any fee increase will make it hard for newsagents to accept eftpos payments for small ticket purchases like bus tickets or newspapers.

"They are already doing it tough. How will they compete with Coles and Woolworths?"

"After the Federal Court judgement, banks should reconsider the fee increase. Instead, they should keep eftpos a safe and low cost debit card solution for Australian retailers and consumers."

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Thursday, September 29, 2011 by **Richard Farrance Mt Gambier**

Richard Perhaps all small retailers and

their staff should protect their employment and bypass Woolies and Coles.

Perhaps also the retailers association and the ACCC should be looking at the discrimination laws a little harder.

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