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Dear Australian Competition and Consumer Commission,

Please require all providers to allow open competition for browsers on all platforms.
We need this to ensure a fair marketplace for browsers.

Specifically, Apple is blocking open competition by requiring iOS browsers to be Safari based.

The only solution I can see is to require Apple (and other vendors) to allow third-party browsers on all platforms (and specifically iOS).

This is particularly important to enable the existence of Progressive Web Apps, a way to ensure that Web Apps receive equal treatment as proprietary/vendor specific Native Apps. A key move to break down the walls that operating system vendors introduce to lock software developers and users into their ecosystems which prevents growth and Innovation.

Apple's requirement to use Safari has led to stagnation in Safari, leaving bugs unfixed caused diminishing investment in Safari development (as it has effectively no competition).

The web is our best chance at having globally accessible software that can work on all platforms.

Mobile apps, as an alternative, have been hugely expensive as you have to rewrite the app for each OS, and there's endless maintenance to make this work.

This unnecessary cost can be cut out if we work towards open standards like the PWAs and enable competition in the web browsers on all platforms including iOS.

Thank you for your help in this matter and your support for the open web,

J Pratt