

WESTPAC BANKING CORP  
Form 6-K  
October 23, 2008

# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

## FORM 6-K

Report of Foreign Issuer

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

October 23, 2008

Commission File Number 1-10167

## WESTPAC BANKING CORPORATION

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

275 KENT STREET, SYDNEY, NEW SOUTH WALES 2000, AUSTRALIA

(Address of principal executive offices)

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<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
1	Media Release St. George and Westpac welcome Treasurer approval for merger

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

WESTPAC BANKING CORPORATION  
(Registrant)

Date: October 23, 2008

By: /s/ Manuela Adl  
Manuela Adl  
SVP & Chief Operating Officer