

WESTPAC BANKING CORP  
Form 6-K  
November 17, 2008

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, DC 20549

**FORM 6-K**

**REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 UNDER THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

November 17, 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 office)

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Yes

No

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**Index to Exhibits**

The information contained in Exhibits No. 1 and 2 to this Form 6-K shall be incorporated by reference in the prospectus relating to the Registrant's debt securities contained in the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form F-3 (File No. 333-153500), as such prospectus may be amended or supplemented from time to time.

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<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
1	Westpac Banking Corporation APS 330 Prudential Disclosure Report as at 30 September 2008
2	Media Release Westpac welcomes final approval of the merger of Westpac and St.George

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: November 17, 2008

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