

WESTPAC BANKING CORP  
Form 6-K  
September 01, 2009

**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**

September 1, 2009

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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**Incorporation by Reference**

The exhibits attached to this Report on Form 6-K shall be incorporated by reference in Westpac Banking Corporation's (the Registrant) Registration Statement on Form F-3 (File No. 333-157381).

**Index to Exhibits**

| <b>Exhibit No.</b> | <b>Description</b>  |
|--------------------|---|
| 1.1                | Underwriting Agreement, dated as of August 27, 2009, by and among the Registrant and Banc of America Securities LLC and J.P. Morgan Securities Inc. |
| 5.1                | Opinion of Debevoise & Plimpton LLP.  |
| 5.2                | Opinion of Mallesons Stephen Jaques.  |
| 23.1               | Consent of Debevoise & Plimpton LLP (contained in Exhibit 5.1).   |
| 23.2               | Consent of Mallesons Stephen Jaques (contained in Exhibit 5.2).   |

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: September 1, 2009

By:

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