

WESTPAC BANKING CORP
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM F-6

REGISTRATION STATEMENT

under

THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

For Depositary Shares

WESTPAC BANKING CORPORATION

(Exact name of issuer of deposited securities as specified in its charter)

N/A

(Translation of issuer's name into English)

Australia

(Jurisdiction of incorporation or organization of issuer)

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON

(Exact name of depositary as specified in its charter)

One Wall Street New York, N.Y. 10286

(212) 495-1784

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of depositary's principal executive offices)

The Bank of New York Mellon

ADR Division

One Wall Street, 11th Floor

New York, New York 10286

(212) 495-1784

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

Copies to:

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Emmet, Marvin & Martin, LLP

120 Broadway

New York, New York 10271

(212) 238-3032

It is proposed that this filing become effective under Rule 466

immediately upon filing

on (Date) at (Time).

If a separate registration statement has been filed to register the deposited shares, check the following box.

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of each class of Securities to be registered	Amount to be registered	Proposed maximum aggregate price per unit ⁽¹⁾	Proposed maximum aggregate offering price ⁽¹⁾	Amount of registration fee
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	100,000,000			
American Depositary Shares representing ordinary shares of Westpac Banking Corporation	American Depositary Shares	\$5.00	\$5,000,000	\$682.00

(1) For the purpose of this table only the term "unit" is defined as 100 American Depositary Shares.

The registrant hereby amends this Registration Statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this Registration Statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 or until the Registration Statement shall become effective on such date as the Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.

The prospectus consists of the proposed form of American Depositary Receipt included as Exhibit A to the form of Second Amended and Restated Deposit Agreement filed as Exhibit 1 to this Registration Statement, which is incorporated herein by reference.

PART I

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS

Item - 1. Description of Securities to be Registered

Cross Reference Sheet

<u>Item Number and Caption</u>	<u>Location in Form of Receipt Filed Herewith as Prospectus</u>
1. Name and address of depositary	Introductory Article
2. Title of American Depositary Receipts and identity of deposited securities	Face of Receipt, top center
Terms of Deposit:	
(i) The amount of deposited securities represented by one unit of American Depositary Receipts	Face of Receipt, upper right corner
(ii) The procedure for voting, if any, the deposited securities	Articles number 15, 16 and 18
(iii) The collection and distribution of dividends	Articles number 4, 12, 13, 15 and 18
(iv) The transmission of notices, reports and proxy soliciting material	Articles number 11, 15, 16 and 18
(v) The sale or exercise of rights	Articles number 13, 14, 15 and 18

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| (vi) The deposit or sale of securities resulting from dividends, splits or plans of reorganization | Articles number 12, 13, 15, 17 and 18 |
| (vii) Amendment, extension or termination of the deposit agreement | Articles number 20 and 21 |
| (viii) Rights of holders of American Depositary Receipts to inspect the transfer books of the depositary and the list of holders of American Depositary Receipts | Article number 11 |
| (ix) Restrictions upon the right to deposit or withdraw the underlying securities | Articles number 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 22 |
| (x) Limitation upon the liability of the depositary | Articles number 14, 18, 19 and 21 |

3. Fees and Charges Articles number 7 and 8

Item - 2. Available Information

Public reports furnished by issuer Article number 11

PART II

INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS

Item - 3. Exhibits

- Form of Second Amended and Restated Deposit Agreement dated as of _____, 2013 among Westpac a. Banking Corporation, The Bank of New York Mellon, as Depositary, and all Owners and Holders from time to time of American Depositary Shares issued thereunder. – Filed herewith as Exhibit 1.
- b. Any other agreement, to which the depositary is a party, relating to the issuance of Depositary Shares registered hereby or the custody of the deposited securities represented thereby. – Not applicable.
- c. Every material contract relating to the deposited securities between the Depositary and the issuer of the deposited securities in effect at any time within the last three years. – Not applicable.
- d. Opinion of Emmet, Marvin & Martin, LLP, counsel for the Depositary, as to legality of the securities to be registered. – Filed herewith as Exhibit 4.
- e. Certification under Rule 466. – Not applicable.
- f. Power of attorney of officers and directors of Westpac Banking Corporation. – Filed herewith as Exhibit 7.

Item - 4. Undertakings

- (a) The Depositary hereby undertakes to make available at the principal office of the Depositary in the United States, for inspection by holders of the depositary shares, any reports and communications received from the issuer of the deposited securities which are both (1) received by the Depositary as the holder of the deposited securities, and (2) made generally available to the holders of the underlying securities by the issuer.
- (b) If the amounts of fees charged are not disclosed in the prospectus, the Depositary undertakes to prepare a separate document stating the amount of any fee charged and describing the service for which it is charged and to deliver promptly a copy of such fee schedule without charge to anyone upon request. The Depositary undertakes to notify each registered holder of depositary shares thirty days before any change in the fee schedule.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that all the requirements for filing on Form F-6 are met and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of New York, State of New York, on May 1, 2013.

Legal entity created by the agreement for the issuance of depositary shares representing ordinary shares of Westpac Banking Corporation.

By: The Bank of New York Mellon,

As Depositary

By: /s/ Joanne Di Giovanni Hawke

Name: Joanne Di Giovanni Hawke

Title: Managing Director

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, Westpac Banking Corporation has caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized, in The City of New York, State of New York, on May 1, 2013.

Westpac Banking Corporation

By: /s/ Sean Crellin

Name: Sean Crellin

Title: *Director, Legal*

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement has been signed below by the following persons in the capacities indicated on May 1, 2013.

* Chairman

Lindsay Maxsted

* Director

Elizabeth Bryan

* Director

Gordon Cairns

* Director

Ewen Crouch

* Director

John Curtis

* Director

Robert Elstone

* Director

Peter Hawkins

* Director

Ann Pickard

* Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer
Gail Kelly (principal executive officer)

* Chief Financial Officer
Philip Coffey (principal financial officer)

* Deputy Chief Financial Officer
Peter King (principal accounting officer)

* Authorized Representative in the United States
Sean Crellin

* By: /s/ Sean Crellin
Sean Crellin
Attorney-in-fact

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