

Form 6K

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Report of Foreign Issuer

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

May 20, 2003

WESTPAC BANKING CORPORATION

60 MARTIN PLACE, SYDNEY, NEW SOUTH WALES 2000, AUSTRALIA

(Address of principal executive offices)

[Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F.]

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[Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Act of 1934.]

Yes No

[If "Yes" is marked, indicate the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b):82-

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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: May 20, 2003

By: /s/ PADDY RENNIE

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The information contained in the Exhibit 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. 333-10546), as such prospectus may be amended or supplemented from time to time.

Exhibit No.	Description
5.1	Opinion of Debevoise & Plimpton
5.2	Opinion of Allens Arthur Robinson
99.1	Form of Supplemental Indenture

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