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Subject to Completion Preliminary Prospectus dated May 18, 2015

**PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT
(TO PROSPECTUS DATED DECEMBER 14, 2012)**

US\$

**Westpac Banking Corporation
(ABN 33 007 457 141)**

US\$ % Notes due May ,

US\$ Floating Rate Notes due May ,

We are offering US\$ aggregate principal amount of our % notes due May , , which we refer to as the fixed rate notes, and US\$ aggregate principal amount of our floating rate notes due May , , which we refer to as the floating rate notes and, together with the fixed rate notes, as the notes. We will pay interest on the fixed rate notes at a rate of % per year. Interest on the fixed rate notes will be payable semi-annually in arrears on May and November of each year, subject in each case to the applicable business day convention set forth in this prospectus supplement, beginning on November , 2015. We will pay interest on the floating rate notes at a rate equal to the then applicable U.S. Dollar three-month LIBOR rate plus %. Interest on the floating rate notes will be payable in arrears on February , May , August and November of each year, subject in each case to the applicable business day convention set forth in this prospectus supplement, beginning on August , 2015. The notes will mature on May , . We may redeem all, but not less than all, of each of the fixed rate notes and the floating rate notes if specified events occur involving Australian taxation, as described under "Description of the Debt Securities Redemption of Debt Securities Redemption for Taxation Reasons" in the accompanying prospectus.

The notes will be our direct, unconditional and unsecured senior obligations and will rank, except for certain debts required to be preferred by law, equally with all of our other unsecured and unsubordinated obligations from time to time outstanding. For a description of debts preferred by law, see "Ranking" in the accompanying prospectus. The fixed rate notes and the floating notes will each constitute a separate series of senior Debt Securities described in the accompanying prospectus.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the accuracy or adequacy of this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

Investing in the notes involves risks. To read about certain factors you should consider before investing in the notes, see "Forward-Looking Statements" on page S-iii and "Risk Factors" beginning on page S-8 of this prospectus supplement, and the risk factors set forth in our U.S. Interim Financial Results Announcement for the half-year ended March 31, 2015 furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission on Form 6-K, dated May 8, 2015, which we refer to as the 2015 U.S. Interim Financial Results Announcement and which is incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus.

The notes are not protected accounts or deposit liabilities of Westpac Banking Corporation for the purpose of the Banking Act 1959 of Australia, which we refer to as the Australian Banking Act, and are not insured or guaranteed by (1) the Commonwealth of Australia or any governmental agency of Australia, (2) the United States of America, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other governmental agency of the United States or (3) the government or any governmental agency of any other jurisdiction.

	Per Fixed Rate Note	Total	Per Floating Rate Note	Total
Public Offering Price(1)	%	US\$	%	US\$
Underwriting Discount(2)	%	US\$	%	US\$
Proceeds to Westpac (before expenses)(1)	%	US\$	%	US\$

(1) Plus accrued interest from May , 2015 if settlement occurs after that date.

(2) The underwriters have agreed to reimburse us for certain of our expenses relating to this offering. See "Underwriting" on page S-23 for further information.

The notes will not be listed on any securities exchange. Currently, there is no public market for the notes.

The underwriters expect that the notes will be ready for delivery in book-entry form only through The Depository Trust Company and its participants, including Euroclear Bank SA/NV and Clearstream Banking, *société anonyme*, on or about May , 2015.

Joint Book-Running Managers

BofA Merrill Lynch

Citigroup

J.P. Morgan

May , 2015

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You should rely only on information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and any free writing prospectus with respect to the offering of the notes filed by us with the Securities and Exchange Commission, which we refer to as the SEC. We have not, and the underwriters have not, authorized anyone to provide you with different or additional information. If anyone provides you with different, additional or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. You should assume that the information in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and any free writing prospectus with respect to the offering of the notes filed by us with the SEC and the documents incorporated by reference herein and therein is only accurate as of the respective dates of such documents. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since those dates.

We are offering to sell, and are seeking offers to buy, the notes only in jurisdictions where offers and sales of the notes are permitted. The distribution of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus and the offering of the notes in certain jurisdictions may be restricted by law. Persons outside the United States who come into possession of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus must inform themselves about and observe any restrictions relating to the offering of the notes and the distribution of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus outside the United States. This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus do not constitute, and may not be used in connection with, an offer to sell, or a solicitation of an offer to buy, any notes offered by this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus by any person in any jurisdiction in which it is unlawful for such person to make such an offer or solicitation.

PRESENTATION OF INFORMATION

This document is in two parts. The first part is this prospectus supplement, which describes the specific terms of the offering of the notes and also adds to and updates information contained in the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. The second part is the accompanying prospectus which gives more general information about our debt securities, some of which may not apply to this offering.

If the information in this prospectus supplement is inconsistent with information contained in the accompanying prospectus or any document incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus on or prior to the date hereof, you should rely on the information contained in this prospectus supplement.

Unless otherwise indicated, or the context otherwise requires, references in this prospectus supplement to the "Group," "we," "us" and "our" or similar terms are to Westpac Banking Corporation and its controlled entities (within the meaning of Section 50AA of the Corporations Act 2001 of Australia, which we refer to as the Australian Corporations Act), and references to "Westpac" are to Westpac Banking Corporation (ABN 33 007 457 141).

We publish our consolidated financial statements in Australian dollars. In this prospectus supplement, unless otherwise stated or the context otherwise requires, references to "dollars", "\$", or "A\$" are to Australian dollars, references to "US\$", "USD" or "U.S. dollars" are to United States dollars and references to "NZ\$", "NZD" or "NZ dollars" are to New Zealand dollars.

Certain amounts that appear in this prospectus supplement may not sum due to rounding.

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FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus supplement contains or incorporates by reference statements that constitute "forward-looking" statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, which we refer to as the Securities Act. Forward-looking statements are statements about matters that are not historical facts. Forward-looking statements appear in a number of places in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus and the information incorporated by reference herein and therein and include statements regarding our intent, belief or current expectations with respect to our business and operations, market conditions, results of operations and financial condition, including, without limitation, future loan loss provisions and financial support to certain borrowers. Words such as "will", "may", "expect", "intend", "seek", "would", "should", "could", "continue", "plan", "estimate", "anticipate", "believe", "probability", "risk" or other similar words are used to identify forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements reflect our current views with respect to future events and are subject to change, certain risks, uncertainties and assumptions which are, in many instances, beyond our control, and have been made based upon management's expectations and beliefs concerning future developments and their potential effect upon us. There can be no assurance that future developments will be in accordance with our expectations or that the effect of future developments on us will be those anticipated. Actual results could differ materially from those expected, depending on the outcome of various factors, including, but not limited to, those set forth in the 2015 U.S. Interim Financial Results Announcement and the other documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus. These factors include:

the effect of, and changes in, laws, regulations, taxation or accounting standards or practices and government policy, particularly changes to liquidity, leverage and capital requirements;

the stability of Australian and international financial systems and disruptions to financial markets and any losses or business impacts we or our customers or counterparties may experience as a result;

market volatility, including uncertain conditions in funding, equity and asset markets;

adverse asset, credit or capital market conditions;

changes to our credit ratings;

levels of inflation, interest rates, exchange rates and market and monetary fluctuations;

market liquidity and investor confidence;

changes in economic conditions, consumer spending, saving and borrowing habits in Australia, New Zealand and in other countries in which we or our customers or counterparties conduct our or their operations and our ability to maintain or to increase market share and control expenses;

the effects of competition in the geographic and business areas in which we conduct our operations;

information security breaches, including cyberattacks;

reliability and security of our technology and risks associated with changes to technology systems;

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the timely development and acceptance of new products and services and the perceived overall value of these products and services by customers;

the effectiveness of our risk management policies, including our internal processes, systems and employees;

the incidence or severity of our insured events;

the occurrence of environmental change or external events in countries in which we or our customers or counterparties conduct our or their operations;

internal and external events which may adversely impact our reputation;

changes to the value of our intangible assets;

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changes in political, social or economic conditions in any of the major markets in which we or our customers or counterparties operate;

our ability to incur additional indebtedness and the limitations contained in the agreements governing such indebtedness;

the success of strategic decisions involving diversification or innovation, in addition to business expansion and integration of new businesses; and

various other factors beyond our control.

All forward-looking statements speak only as of the date made. We are under no obligation to update any forward-looking statements contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

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SUMMARY

This summary highlights selected information about us and this offering. It does not contain all of the information that may be important to you in deciding whether to purchase the notes. We encourage you to read the entire prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and the documents that we have filed with the SEC that are incorporated by reference prior to deciding whether to purchase the notes.

Westpac Banking Corporation

We are one of the four major banking organizations in Australia and we are also one of the largest banking organizations in New Zealand. We provide a broad range of banking and financial services in these markets, including consumer, business and institutional banking and wealth management services.

We have branches, affiliates and controlled entities throughout Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific region, and maintain branches and offices in some of the key financial centers around the world.

We were founded in 1817 and were the first bank established in Australia. In 1850 we were incorporated as the Bank of New South Wales by an Act of the New South Wales Parliament. In 1982 we changed our name to Westpac Banking Corporation following our merger with the Commercial Bank of Australia. On August 23, 2002, we were registered as a public company limited by shares under the Australian Corporations Act. Our principal office is located at 275 Kent Street, Sydney, New South Wales, 2000, Australia. Our telephone number for calls within Australia is 132 032 and our international telephone number is (+61) 2 9293 9270.

As at March 31, 2015, we had total assets of A\$796.0 billion. Our market capitalization as of May 7, 2015 was approximately A\$105.8 billion.

Our operations comprise the following key customer-facing business divisions operating under multiple brands serving around 13 million customers.

Westpac Retail & Business Banking, which we refer to as Westpac RBB, is responsible for sales and service to consumer, small-to-medium enterprise customers, which we refer to as SME, commercial and agribusiness customers (with turnover of up to around A\$100 million) in Australia under the Westpac brand. Activities are conducted through Westpac RBB's network of branches, call centers, automatic teller machines, which we refer to as ATMs, Electronic Funds Transfer Point of Sale, which we refer to as EFTPOS, terminals, internet and mobile banking services, business banking centers and via the division's specialized consumer and business relationship managers. Support is provided by cash flow, trade finance, transactional banking, financial markets, property finance and wealth specialists.

St.George Banking Group, which we refer to as St.George, is responsible for sales and service to consumer, SME and corporate customers (businesses with facilities up to A\$150 million) in Australia under the St.George, BankSA, Bank of Melbourne and RAMS brands. Activities are conducted through St.George's network of branches, third-party distributors, call centers, ATMs, EFTPOS terminals, internet and mobile banking services, business banking centers and specialized consumer and business relationship managers. Support is provided by cash flow, trade finance, transactional banking, automotive and equipment finance, financial markets, property finance and wealth specialists.

BT Financial Group (Australia), which we refer to as BTFG, is Westpac's Australian wealth division. BTFG's funds management operations include the manufacturing and distribution of investment, superannuation and retirement products, platforms including BT Wrap and Asgard, private banking, financial planning as well as margin lending and broking. BTFG's insurance solutions cover the manufacturing and distribution of life, general and lenders mortgage

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insurance. BTFG's brands include Advance Asset Management, Ascalon, Asgard, BT Investment Management Limited. (59.1% owned by us and consolidated in BTFG's Funds Management business), Licensee Select, BT Select and Securitor, as well as the Advice, Private Banking and Insurance operations of Westpac, St. George, Bank of Melbourne and BankSA.

Westpac Institutional Bank, which we refer to as WIB, delivers a broad range of financial services to commercial, corporate, institutional and government customers with connections to Australia and New Zealand. WIB operates through dedicated industry relationship and specialist product teams, with expert knowledge in transactional banking, financial and debt capital markets, specialized capital, and alternative investment solutions. Customers are supported through branches and subsidiaries located in Australia, New Zealand, United States, United Kingdom and Asia.

Westpac New Zealand is responsible for sales and service of banking, wealth and insurance products for consumers, business and institutional customers in New Zealand. Westpac conducts its New Zealand banking business through two banks in New Zealand: Westpac New Zealand Limited, which is incorporated in New Zealand and Westpac Banking Corporation (NZ Division), a branch of Westpac, which is incorporated in Australia. The division operates via an extensive network of branches and ATMs across both the North and South Islands.

Business and institutional customers are also served through relationship and specialist product teams. Banking products are provided under the Westpac brand while insurance and wealth products are provided under Westpac Life and BT brands, respectively. New Zealand has its own infrastructure, including technology, operations and treasury.

Other divisions in the Group include:

Westpac Pacific provides banking services for retail and business customers in seven Pacific Island Nations. Branches, ATMs, telephone banking and internet banking channels are used to deliver business activities in Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu, Cook Islands, Tonga, Solomon Islands and Samoa. Westpac Pacific's financial products include personal savings accounts, business transactional accounts, personal and business lending products, business services and a range of international products;

Treasury, the primary focus of which is the management of the Group's interest rate risk and funding requirements by managing the mismatch between Group assets and liabilities;

Customer & Business Services, which encompasses banking operations, customer contact centers, product marketing, compliance, legal and property services;

Group Technology, which comprises functions responsible for technology strategy and architecture, infrastructure and operations, applications development and business integration; and

Core Support, which comprises functions performed centrally, including finance, risk and human resources.

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The Offering

The following is a brief summary of some of the terms of this offering. For a more complete description of the terms of the notes, see "Description of the Notes" in this prospectus supplement and "Description of the Debt Securities" in the accompanying prospectus.

Issuer	Westpac Banking Corporation.
Notes Offered	<p>US\$ aggregate principal amount of % fixed rate notes due May , .</p> <p>US\$ aggregate principal amount of floating rate notes due May , .</p>
Maturity Date	The notes will mature on May , .
Interest Rate	We will pay interest on the fixed rate notes at a rate of % per year. We will pay interest on the floating rate notes at a rate equal to the then applicable U.S. dollar three-month LIBOR rate plus %.
Interest Payment Dates	Interest on the fixed rate notes will be payable semi-annually in arrears on May and November of each year, subject in each case to the applicable business day convention set forth below, beginning on November , 2015. Interest on the floating rate notes will be payable quarterly in arrears on February , May , August and November of each year, subject in each case to the applicable business day convention set forth below, beginning on August , 2015. Any payment of principal or interest with respect to the fixed rate notes required to be made on an interest payment date that is not a business day in New York, London and Sydney will be made on the next succeeding business day, and no interest will accrue on that payment for the period from and after the interest payment date to the date of payment on the next succeeding business day. If any floating rate interest payment date (as defined herein) would fall on a day that is not a business day, other than the floating rate interest payment date that is also the date of maturity for the floating rate notes, that floating rate interest payment date will be postponed to the following day that is a business day, except if such next business day is in a different month, in which case such floating rate interest payment date will be the immediately preceding day that is a business day. If the date of maturity of the floating rate notes is not a business day, payment of principal and interest on the floating rate notes will be made on the following day that is a business day and no interest will accrue for the period from and after such date of maturity of the floating rate notes.

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Ranking	The notes will be our direct, unconditional, unsubordinated and unsecured obligations and will rank, except for certain debts required to be preferred by law, equally with all of our other unsecured and unsubordinated obligations from time to time outstanding. For a description of debts preferred by law, see "Ranking" in the accompanying prospectus. The notes will rank senior to our subordinated obligations, including any subordinated debt securities.
Redemption for Taxation Reasons	<p>Subject to certain limitations, the senior indenture provides that we will have the right to redeem each of the fixed rate notes and the floating rate notes in whole, but not in part, as described in the accompanying prospectus under the heading "Description of the Debt Securities Redemption of Debt Securities Redemption for Taxation Reasons", with respect to the notes.</p> <p>If we redeem the fixed rate notes or the floating rate notes in these circumstances, the redemption price of each note redeemed will be equal to 100% of the principal amount of such note plus accrued and unpaid interest on such note to but excluding the date of redemption.</p>
Use of Proceeds	We estimate that the net proceeds from the offering of the notes, after taking into account the underwriting discount and deducting estimated offering expenses payable by us, will be US\$. We intend to use the net proceeds for general corporate purposes.
Sinking Fund	The notes will not be entitled to the benefit of any sinking fund.
Form of Note	Notes, in global form, which we refer to as global notes, will be held in the name of The Depository Trust Company, which we refer to as the Depository or DTC, or its nominee.
Trustee	The Bank of New York Mellon, which we refer to as the trustee.

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The following table sets forth summary consolidated financial information as of, and for the financial years ended, September 30, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011 and 2010, and as of, and for the half-years ended, March 31, 2015 and 2014. We have derived the summary financial information from our audited consolidated financial statements and related notes as of, and for the financial years ended, September 30, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011 and 2010, and our unaudited interim consolidated financial statements and related notes as of, and for the half-years ended, March 31, 2015 and 2014, which have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

You should read this information together with the operating and financial review set forth in "Section 2" of our Annual Report on Form 20-F for the year ended September 30, 2014, which, together with Amendment No. 1 to our Annual Report on Form 20-F/A for the year ended September 30, 2014, we refer to as the 2014 Form 20-F, and our audited consolidated financial statements and the accompanying notes included in our 2014 Form 20-F and the operating and financial review set forth in "Section 2" and "Section 3" of our 2015 U.S. Interim Financial Results Announcement and our unaudited consolidated financial statements and the accompanying notes included in our 2015 U.S. Interim Financial Results Announcement, each of which is incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement. See "Where You Can Find More Information" in this prospectus supplement.

	As of and for the half-year ended March 31,			As of and for the financial year ended September 30,					
	2015(1) (in US\$ millions)	2015 (in A\$ millions) (Unaudited)	2014	2014(1) (in US\$ millions) (Unaudited)	2014(2)	2013(2)	2012(2)	2011(2)	2010(2)
Income statement(3)									
Net interest income	5,325	6,984	6,639	10,326	13,542	12,821	12,502	11,996	11,842
Non-interest income	2,297	3,013	3,151	4,876	6,395	5,774	5,481	4,917	5,068
Net operating income before operating expenses and impairment charges	7,623	9,997	9,790	15,202	19,937	18,595	17,983	16,913	16,910
Operating expenses	(3,363)	(4,410)	(4,195)	(6,517)	(8,547)	(7,976)	(7,957)	(7,406)	(7,416)
Impairment charges	(260)	(341)	(341)	(496)	(650)	(847)	(1,212)	(993)	(1,456)
Profit before income tax	4,000	5,246	5,254	8,189	10,740	9,772	8,814	8,514	8,038
Income tax expense	(1,223)	(1,604)	(1,595)	(2,375)	(3,115)	(2,947)	(2,812)	(1,455)	(1,626)
Profit attributable to non-controlling interests	(25)	(33)	(37)	(49)	(64)	(74)	(66)	(68)	(66)
Net profit attributable to owners of Westpac Banking Corporation	2,752	3,609	3,622	5,765	7,561	6,751	5,936	6,991	6,346
Balance sheet(3)									
Loans	461,361	605,064	564,569	442,512	580,343	536,164	514,445	496,609	477,655
Other assets	145,559	190,897	164,806	145,255	190,499	164,933	164,167	173,619	140,622
Total assets	606,920	795,961	729,375	587,767	770,842	701,097	678,612	670,228	618,277
Deposits and other borrowings	355,892	466,743	437,405	351,377	460,822	424,482	394,991	370,278	337,385
Debt issues	128,215	168,151	150,098	116,091	152,251	144,133	147,847	165,931	150,971
Loan capital	9,078	11,905	10,320	8,279	10,858	9,330	9,537	8,173	9,632
Other liabilities	75,369	98,845	83,521	74,400	97,574	75,615	79,972	82,038	80,171

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Total liabilities	568,554	745,644	681,344	550,148	721,505	653,560	632,347	626,420	578,159
Total shareholders' equity and non-controlling interests	38,367	50,317	48,031	37,619	49,337	47,537	46,265	43,808	40,118

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	As of and for the half-year ended March 31, 2015 2014		2014	As of and for the financial year ended September 30, 2013 2012 2011 2010			
	(Unaudited)						
Key Financial Ratios							
Business Performance							
Operating expenses to operating income ratio (%)	44.1	42.8	42.9	42.9	44.2	43.8	43.9
Net interest margin (%)	2.06	2.09	2.09	2.14	2.16	2.19	2.21
Capital adequacy							
APRA Basel III:							
Common equity Tier 1 (%) ⁽⁴⁾	8.8	8.8	9.0	9.1	8.2	n/a	n/a
Tier 1 ratio (%) ⁽⁵⁾	10.3	10.3	10.6	10.7	10.3	9.7	9.1
Total capital ratio (%) ⁽⁵⁾	12.1	12.1	12.3	12.3	11.7	11.0	11.0
Credit Quality							
Total provisions for impairment on loans and credit commitments to total loans (basis points)	58	67	60	73	82	88	105
Other information							
Full-time equivalent staff (number at financial year end) ⁽⁶⁾	33,704	33,619	33,586	33,045	33,418	33,898	35,055

	For the half-year ended March 31, 2015 2014		For the financial year ended September 30, 2013 2012 2011 2010			
	(Unaudited)					
Ratio of earnings to fixed charges	1.54	1.57	1.48	1.36	1.32	1.35

- (1) Solely for the convenience of the reader, we have translated the amounts in this column from Australian dollars into U.S. dollars using the noon buying rate in New York City for cable transfers of Australian dollars as certified for customs purposes for the Federal Reserve Bank of New York as of March 31, 2015 of A\$1.00 to US\$0.7625. These translations should not be considered representations that any such amounts have been, could have been or could be converted into U.S. dollars at that or at any other exchange rate or as of that or any other date.
- (2) Where accounting classifications have changed or where changes in accounting policies are adopted retrospectively, comparatives have been restated and may differ from results previously reported.
- (3) The above summary consolidated financial information as of and for the half-years ended March 31, 2015 and 2014 are derived from the unaudited consolidated financial statements included in the 2015 U.S. Interim Financial Results Announcement. The summary consolidated income statement data for the financial years ended September 30, 2014, 2013 and 2012 and balance sheet data as of September 30, 2014 and 2013 are derived from the consolidated financial statements included in the 2014 Form 20-F. The summary consolidated income statement data for the financial years ended September 30, 2011 and 2010 and summary consolidated balance sheet data as of September 30, 2012, 2011 and 2010 are derived from consolidated financial statements previously published.
- (4) Basel III as implemented by APRA became effective in Australia on January 1, 2013. The 2012 ratio has been presented as if Basel III as implemented by APRA became effective on January 1, 2012. No ratios are presented for prior years. For further information, refer to Note 31 to our audited consolidated financial statements in the 2014 Form 20-F.

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- (5) Basel III as implemented by APRA became effective in Australia on January 1, 2013. Ratios for prior years are presented on a Basel II basis. For further information, refer to Note 31 to our audited consolidated financial statements in the 2014 Form 20-F.
- (6) Full-time equivalent staff includes full-time and pro-rata part-time staff. It excludes staff on unpaid absences (e.g. unpaid maternity leave), overtime, temporary and contract staff.

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RISK FACTORS

Investors should carefully consider the risks described below and in the other information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, including the risks described in the 2015 U.S. Interim Financial Results Announcement, before making an investment decision. The risks and uncertainties described below and in such other information are not the only ones facing us or you, as holders of the notes. Additional risks and uncertainties that we are unaware of, or that we currently deem immaterial, may become important factors that affect us or you, as holders of the notes.

Because the senior indenture contains no limit on the amount of additional debt that we may incur, our ability to make timely payments on the notes you hold may be affected by the amount and terms of our future debt

Our ability to make timely payments on our outstanding debt may depend on the amount and terms of our other obligations, including any additional debt securities that we may issue. The senior indenture does not contain any limitation on the amount of indebtedness that we may issue in the future. As we issue additional debt securities under the senior indenture or incur other indebtedness, unless our earnings grow in proportion to our debt and other fixed charges, our ability to service the notes on a timely basis may become impaired.

The fixed rate notes and the floating rate notes will each constitute a separate series of debt securities under the senior indenture

Each time we issue debt securities under the senior indenture, the debt securities that we issue will constitute a separate series of debt securities for purposes of the senior indenture (unless it is specifically provided that the debt securities so issued will constitute a reopening of an outstanding series of debt securities). This may result in adverse consequences to holders of the notes if an event of default were to occur with respect to the debt securities of a particular series but not with respect to the fixed rate notes or the floating rate notes. If this were to occur, holders of debt securities of the series in respect of which such event of default shall have occurred may be entitled to accelerate the debt securities of such series while holders of the fixed rate notes or the floating rate notes, in the absence of any event of default, would not be entitled to accelerate the fixed rate notes or the floating rate notes or pursue any other remedy. As a result, holders of debt securities that have been accelerated may be entitled to payment in full in respect of their claims while holders of other series of debt securities, including the fixed rate notes or the floating rate notes, that have not been accelerated will not be entitled to any such payment until an event of default shall have occurred with respect to the debt securities of such series.

The terms of the senior indenture and the notes provide only limited protection against significant events that could adversely impact your investment in the notes

The senior indenture governing the notes does not:

require us to maintain any financial ratios or specific levels of net worth, revenues, income, cash flow or liquidity;

restrict our subsidiaries' ability to issue securities or otherwise incur indebtedness or other obligations that would be senior to our equity interests in our subsidiaries and therefore rank effectively senior to the notes with respect to the assets of our subsidiaries;

restrict our ability to repurchase or prepay any other of our securities or other indebtedness; or

restrict our ability to make investments or to repurchase, or pay dividends or make other payments in respect of, our common stock or other securities ranking junior to the notes.

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As a result of the foregoing, when evaluating the terms of the notes, you should be aware that the terms of the senior indenture and the notes do not restrict our ability to engage in, or to otherwise be a party to, a variety of corporate transactions, circumstances and events that could have an adverse impact on your investment in the notes.

Westpac has substantial liabilities which would have a higher priority in the event of its insolvency

The notes are not protected accounts or deposit liabilities of Westpac for the purposes of the Australian Banking Act. They are unsecured obligations of Westpac, and in the event of the winding-up of Westpac, they would rank at least equally with other unsecured obligations of Westpac (except such obligations as receive priority under the Australian Banking Act or otherwise are preferred by law) and ahead of subordinated debt and obligations to shareholders (in their capacity as such). Section 13A(3) of the Australian Banking Act provides that if Westpac becomes unable to meet its obligations or suspends payment, the assets of Westpac in Australia are to be made available to meet certain of Westpac's liabilities in priority to all other liabilities of Westpac (including the obligations of Westpac under the notes).

The liabilities which have priority, by virtue of section 13A(3) of the Australian Banking Act, to the claims of holders in respect of the notes will be substantial, as such liabilities include (but are not limited to) liabilities owed to the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority, which we refer to as APRA, in respect of amounts payable by APRA to holders of protected accounts (as defined below) kept with Westpac in connection with the financial claims scheme established under the Australian Banking Act, which we refer to as the FCS, costs of APRA in exercising its powers and performing its functions relating to Westpac in connection with the FCS, liabilities in Australia in relation to protected accounts kept with Westpac, debts due to the Reserve Bank of Australia, which we refer to as the RBA, and liabilities under certified industry support contracts. Section 13A(3) applies in a winding-up of Westpac and other circumstances if Westpac is unable to meet its obligations or suspends payment. A "protected account" is either (a) an account where the "authorised deposit-taking institution" is required to pay the account-holder, on demand or at an agreed time, the net credit balance of the account, or (b) another account or financial product prescribed by regulation.

Further, certain assets, such as the assets of Westpac in a cover pool for covered bonds issued by Westpac, are excluded from constituting assets in Australia for the purposes of Section 13A of the Australian Banking Act, and these assets are subject to the prior claims of the covered bond holders and certain other secured creditors in respect of the covered bonds. The assets which are subject to such prior claims may also be substantial. In addition, future changes to applicable law may extend the debts required to be preferred by law or the assets to be excluded.

In addition, under Section 16(2) of the Australian Banking Act, certain other debts of Westpac due to APRA shall in a winding-up of Westpac have, subject to Section 13A(3) of the Australian Banking Act, priority over all other unsecured debts of Westpac, and Section 86 of the Reserve Bank Act 1959 of Australia provides that in a winding-up of Westpac, debts due by Westpac to the RBA shall, subject to Section 13A(3) of the Australian Banking Act, have priority over all other debts of Westpac.

Therefore, in the event of Westpac's insolvency, there is no assurance that Westpac will have sufficient assets to repay the notes in full or at all. See "Description of the Debt Securities Ranking" in the accompanying prospectus.

The exercise of administrative powers by APRA or other regulatory authorities that supervise Westpac may result in adverse consequences to the trustee and holders of notes

The exercise of administrative powers by APRA or other regulatory authorities that supervise Westpac may result in adverse consequences to the trustee and holders of notes. In particular, under the Australian Banking Act, for the purpose of protecting depositors and maintaining the stability of

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the Australian financial system, APRA has administrative power, among other things, to issue a direction to us regarding the conduct of our business, including prohibiting making payments with respect to our debt obligations (including the notes), and, if we become unable to meet our obligations or suspend payment (and in certain other limited circumstances), to appoint an "ADI statutory manager" to take control of our business.

The Australian Banking Act provides that any other party to a contract to which Westpac is a party (which would include the trustee and a holder of the notes) may not, among other things, accelerate any debt under that contract on the grounds that Westpac is subject to a direction by APRA under the Australian Banking Act that results in an event of default with respect to the notes or an "ADI statutory manager" is in control of Westpac's business, which could prevent the trustee or holders of the notes from accelerating repayment of the notes or obtaining or enforcing a judgment for repayment of the notes following acceleration. However, in the event of a winding-up of Westpac, the trustee and the holders of the notes would be entitled to accelerate repayment of the notes (and exercise any other available remedy).

Insolvency and similar proceedings are likely to be governed by Australian Law

In the event that Westpac becomes insolvent, insolvency proceedings are likely to be governed by Australian law. Australian insolvency laws are different from the insolvency laws of certain other jurisdictions, including the United States. In particular, the voluntary administration procedure under the Australian Corporations Act, which provides for the potential re-organization of an insolvent company, is different from Chapter 11 under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and may differ from similar provisions under the insolvency laws of other non-Australian jurisdictions.

In addition, to the extent that the holders of the notes are entitled to any recovery with respect to the notes in any bankruptcy or certain other events in bankruptcy, insolvency, dissolution or reorganization relating to Westpac, those holders might not be entitled in such proceedings to a recovery in U.S. dollars and might be entitled only to a recovery in Australian dollars.

Changes in inter-bank lending rate reporting practices or the method pursuant to which LIBOR rates are determined may adversely affect the value of the floating rate notes

Beginning in 2008, concerns have been raised that some of the member banks surveyed by the British Bankers' Association, which we refer to as the BBA, in connection with the calculation of daily LIBOR rates may have been under-reporting the inter-bank lending rate applicable to them in order to avoid an appearance of capital insufficiency or adverse reputational or other consequences that may result from reporting higher inter-bank lending rates or to increase the value of trading positions. On December 19, 2012, US, UK and Swiss governmental authorities announced a US\$1.5 billion settlement with UBS AG for its involvement in misreporting LIBOR and other rates. In connection with this settlement, UBS's Japanese subsidiary pleaded guilty to fraud and the US Department of Justice charged two former UBS traders with criminal conspiracy. In June 2012, Barclays Bank was fined US\$451 million by US and UK governmental authorities for its involvement in misreporting LIBOR. Inquiries remain ongoing, including investigations by regulators and governmental authorities in various jurisdictions. Such under-reporting may have resulted in the LIBOR rate being artificially low. If any such under-reporting still exists and some or all of the member banks discontinue such practice, there may be a resulting sudden or prolonged upward movement in LIBOR rates.

In addition, the final report of the Wheatley Review of LIBOR, published in September 2012, set forth recommendations relating to the setting and administration of LIBOR, and in March 2013, the Financial Services Authority, which we refer to as the FSA, finalized new rules that bring regulatory oversight of LIBOR under the scope of the UK government. Effective April 1, 2013, the FSA was replaced by the Financial Conduct Authority, which we refer to as the FCA, and Prudential Regulation

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Authority, with the Bank of England having overall responsibility for financial stability and LIBOR benchmarks falling under the scope of the FCA. Among the new rules, administrators and banks must appoint an individual, approved by the FCA, to oversee compliance and banks will be required to have in place clear conflicts of interest policies and appropriate systems and controls. At the present time it is uncertain what further changes, if any, may be made by the UK government or other governmental or regulatory authorities in the method for determining LIBOR or whether these changes would cause any decrease or increase in LIBOR rates. Proposed changes include a reduction in the number of currencies and tenors for which LIBOR is calculated, and changes in how LIBOR is calculated by basing submissions on actual transactions data.

On February 1, 2014, the administration of LIBOR was transferred from the BBA to ICE Benchmark Administration Limited, which we refer to as IBA, a subsidiary of Intercontinental Exchange Group, and BBA LIBOR is now known by the name ICE LIBOR. IBA, as the new administrator of LIBOR, may make changes in methodology that could change the level of LIBOR, which in turn may adversely affect the value of the floating rate notes. On October 20, 2014, IBA published a "Position Paper" proposing a unified, transaction-based prescriptive methodology for the calculation of LIBOR, using pre-defined parameters. IBA is also proposing alternative calculation methodologies in order to ensure the LIBOR rate is always available, even in times of market stress when there are insufficient transactions to produce reliable submissions. IBA may also alter, discontinue or suspend calculation or dissemination of LIBOR. IBA may take any actions in respect of LIBOR without regard to the interests of any investor in the floating rate notes, and any of these actions could have an adverse effect on the value of the floating rate notes.

Any changes in the method pursuant to which the LIBOR rates are determined, or the development of a widespread market view that LIBOR rates have been or are being manipulated by members of the bank panel, may result in a sudden or prolonged increase or decrease in the reported LIBOR rates. If that were to occur, the level of interest payments and the value of the floating rate notes may be adversely affected.

There is no existing public market for the notes, a market may not develop and you may have to hold your notes to maturity

Each of the fixed rate notes and the floating rate notes is a new issue of securities and there is no existing trading market for either series of notes. We have been advised by the underwriters that the underwriters intend to make a secondary market for both series of notes. However, they are not obligated to do so and may discontinue making a secondary market for either or both series of notes at any time without notice. If a trading market for either series of notes develops, no assurance can be given as to how liquid that trading market will be. If any of the notes are traded after their initial issuance, they may trade at a discount from their initial offering price, depending upon prevailing interest rates, the market for similar securities and other factors, including general economic conditions and our financial condition, performance and prospects.

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We estimate that the net proceeds from the offering of the notes, after taking into account the underwriting discount and deducting estimated offering expenses payable by us, will be US\$. We intend to use the net proceeds for general corporate purposes.

RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES

The following table sets forth our ratio of earnings to fixed charges (unaudited) for the periods indicated. The ratio is calculated based on earnings and charges determined in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards.

	For the half- year ended March 31,	For the financial year ended September 30,				
	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
	(unaudited, in A\$ millions unless otherwise indicated)					
Profit before income tax	5,246	10,740	9,772	8,814	8,514	8,038
Add fixed charges	9,641	18,894	20,376	24,549	26,270	22,470
Less non-controlling interest in subsidiaries that have not incurred fixed charges	(33)	(64)	(74)	(66)	(68)	(66)
Earnings before tax and fixed charges	14,854	29,570	30,074	33,297	34,716	30,442
Interest expense	(9,547)	18,706	20,188	24,371	26,102	22,309
Portion of rent estimated to represent interest expense	94	188	188	178	168	161
Fixed charges	9,641	18,894	20,376	24,549	26,270	22,470
Ratio of earnings to fixed charges	1.54	1.57	1.48	1.36	1.32	1.35

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We set forth below our cash and cash equivalents and our capitalization as of March 31, 2015 and as adjusted to give effect to the issuance of the notes. This information should be read in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements, including the notes thereto, and other financial information pertaining to us incorporated herein by reference.

	As of March 31, 2015			
	Actual		As adjusted	
	(Unaudited, in millions)			
Cash and balances with central banks	A\$	14,738	A\$	14,738
Debt issues	A\$	168,151	A\$	168,151
Notes offered hereby			A\$	(1)
Loan capital	A\$	11,905	A\$	11,905
Shareholders' equity and non-controlling interests				
Share capital		26,847		26,847
Reserves		1,283		1,283
Retained profits		21,275		21,275
Non-controlling interests		912		912
Total shareholders' equity and non-controlling interests	A\$	50,317	A\$	50,317
Total capitalization	A\$	230,373	A\$	

(1)

We have translated the aggregate principal amount of the notes from U.S. dollars into Australian dollars using the noon buying rate in New York City for cable transfers of Australian dollars as certified for customs purposes for the Federal Reserve Bank of New York as of March 31, 2015 of A\$1.00 to US\$0.7625. This translation should not be considered a representation that such amount has been, could have been or could be converted into Australian dollars at that or at any other exchange rate or as of that or any other date.

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DESCRIPTION OF THE NOTES

The following description is a summary of certain terms of the notes. This summary supplements the description of the debt securities in the accompanying prospectus and, to the extent it is inconsistent, replaces the description in the accompanying prospectus. The descriptions of certain terms of the notes and the senior indenture do not purport to be complete, and reference is hereby made to the senior indenture, as amended and supplemented by the first supplemental indenture and the fifth supplemental indenture, each of which has been filed as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus are a part, and as further supplemented by the thirteenth supplemental indenture relating to the notes, which will be filed as an exhibit to a Report on Form 6-K, and the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended. You may also request copies of the indenture and the first, fifth and thirteenth supplemental indentures from us at our address set forth under "Where You Can Find More Information." References to "we," "us" and "our" in this description of the notes refer only to Westpac Banking Corporation and not to any of its subsidiaries.

General

We will issue the notes under the senior indenture, dated July 1, 1999, between us and The Bank of New York Mellon (as successor to The Chase Manhattan Bank), as trustee, as amended and supplemented by the first supplemental indenture, dated August 27, 2009, between us and the trustee, and the fifth supplemental indenture, dated August 14, 2012, between us and the trustee, which we refer to collectively as the base indenture, as further supplemented by the thirteenth supplemental indenture, to be dated the date of issuance of the notes, between us and the trustee. We refer to the base indenture, as further supplemented by the thirteenth supplemental indenture, collectively as the senior indenture.

We will initially issue US\$ aggregate principal amount of the fixed rate notes and US\$ aggregate principal amount of the floating rate notes. The notes will be issued in minimum denominations of US\$2,000 and integral multiples of US\$1,000 in excess thereof. We may from time to time, without the consent of the existing holders, create and issue additional fixed rate notes or floating rate notes having the same terms and conditions as the fixed rate notes or floating rate notes being offered hereby in all respects, except for issue date, issue price and, if applicable, the first date from which interest accrues and the first payment of interest thereon. Additional fixed rate notes or floating rate notes issued in this manner will be consolidated with, and will form a single series with, the previously outstanding fixed rate notes or floating rate notes, as the case may be, unless such additional fixed rate notes or floating rate notes will not be treated as fungible with the fixed rate notes or floating rate notes, as the case may be, being offered hereby for US federal income tax purposes. The notes offered hereby and any additional notes of the same series would rank equally and ratably.

The notes will be our direct, unconditional and unsecured senior obligations and will rank, except for certain debts required to be preferred by law, equally with all of our other unsecured and unsubordinated obligations. The notes will rank senior to our subordinated obligations, including any subordinated debt securities. For a description of debts preferred by law, see "Ranking" in the accompanying prospectus.

Each of the fixed rate notes and the floating rate notes will constitute a separate series of senior debt securities described in the accompanying prospectus. Except as described in this prospectus supplement, the terms generally applicable to senior debt securities, as described under "Description of the Debt Securities" in the accompanying prospectus, will be applicable to each of the fixed rate notes and the floating rate notes.

The notes are not entitled to the benefit of any sinking fund.

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The notes will mature on May , .

Fixed Rate Notes

The fixed rate notes will bear interest at the rate of % per year from May , 2015 or from the most recent interest payment date to which interest has been paid or duly provided for. We will pay interest on the fixed rate notes semi-annually in arrears on May and November of each year, subject in each case to the business day convention set forth below, beginning on November , 2015, until the fixed rate notes shall have been paid in full. Interest on a fixed rate note will be paid to the person in whose name that fixed rate note was registered at the close of business on the or , as the case may be, whether or not a business day, prior to the applicable interest payment date, except in the case of the interest payment date that is also the date of maturity of the fixed rate notes. The amount of interest on the fixed rate notes payable for any period less than a full interest period shall be computed on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months and the actual days elapsed in a partial month in such period. Any payment of principal or interest required to be made on an interest payment date that is not a business day will be made on the next succeeding business day, and no interest will accrue on that payment for the period from and after the interest payment date to the date of payment on the next succeeding business day.

For purposes of the fixed rate notes, "business day" means each Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday that is not a day on which banking institutions in Sydney, Australia, New York, New York, or London, United Kingdom are authorized or obligated by law or executive order to close.

Floating Rate Notes

The floating rate notes will bear interest from May , 2015 or from the most recent floating rate interest payment date (as defined below) to which interest has been paid or duly provided for. The interest rate per annum for the floating rate notes will be reset quarterly on the first day of each floating rate interest period (as defined below) and will be equal to LIBOR (as defined below) plus %, as determined by a calculation agent. The Bank of New York Mellon will initially act as calculation agent. The amount of interest for each day the floating rate notes are outstanding, which we refer to as the daily interest amount, will be calculated by dividing the interest rate in effect for that day by 360 and multiplying the result by the principal amount of the floating rate notes then outstanding. The amount of interest to be paid on the floating rate notes for each floating rate interest period will be calculated by adding the daily interest amounts for each day in the floating rate interest period.

We will pay interest on the floating rate notes quarterly in arrears on each February , May , August and November (we refer to each such date as a floating rate interest payment date), subject in each case to the business day convention set forth below, beginning on August , 2015, until the floating rate notes shall have been paid in full. If any floating rate interest payment date would fall on a day that is not a business day, other than the floating rate interest payment date that is also the date of maturity for the floating rate notes, that floating rate interest payment date will be postponed to the following day that is a business day, except if such next business day is in a different month, in which case such floating rate interest payment date will be the immediately preceding day that is a business day. If the date of maturity of the floating rate notes is not a business day, payment of principal and interest on the floating rate notes will be made on the following day that is a business day and no interest will accrue for the period from and after such date of maturity of the floating rate notes. Interest on a floating rate note will be paid to the person in whose name that floating rate note was registered at the close of business on the , or , as the case may be, whether or not a business day, prior to the applicable floating rate interest payment date, except in the case of the floating rate interest payment date that is also the date of maturity of the floating rate notes.

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Except as described below for the first floating rate interest period, on each floating rate interest payment date, we will pay interest for the period commencing on and including the immediately preceding floating rate interest payment date and ending on and including the day preceding the next floating rate interest payment date. We refer to this period as a floating rate interest period. The first floating rate interest period will begin on and include May , 2015 and will end on and include the day preceding the first floating rate interest payment date.

"LIBOR," with respect to a floating rate interest period, shall be the rate (expressed as a percentage per annum) for deposits in U.S. dollars for a three-month period beginning on the second London banking day after the determination date (each as defined below) that appears on the designated LIBOR page (as defined below) as of 11:00 a.m., London time, on the determination date. If the designated LIBOR page does not include this rate or is unavailable on the determination date, the calculation agent will request the principal London office of each of four major banks in the London interbank market, as selected and identified by us, to provide that bank's offered quotation (expressed as a percentage per annum) as of approximately 11:00 a.m., London time, on the determination date to prime banks in the London interbank market for deposits in a representative amount (as defined below) in U.S. dollars for a three-month period beginning on the second London banking day after the determination date. If at least two offered quotations are so provided, LIBOR for the floating rate interest period will be the arithmetic mean of all quotations so provided. If fewer than two quotations are so provided, the calculation agent will request each of three major banks in New York City, as selected and identified by us, to provide that bank's rate (expressed as a percentage per annum), as of approximately 11:00 a.m., New York City time, on the determination date for loans in a representative amount in U.S. dollars to leading European banks for a three-month period beginning on the second London banking day after the determination date. If at least two rates are so provided, LIBOR for the floating rate interest period will be the arithmetic mean of all rates so provided. If fewer than two rates are so provided, then LIBOR for the floating rate interest period will be LIBOR in effect with respect to the immediately preceding floating rate interest period.

"Designated LIBOR page" means the display on the Reuters 3000 Xtra Service (or any successor service) on the "LIBOR01" page (or any other page as may replace such page on such service) for the purpose of displaying the London interbank rates of major banks for U.S. dollars.

"Determination date" with respect to a floating rate interest period will be the second London banking day preceding the first day of the floating rate interest period.

"London banking day" is any day in which dealings in U.S. dollars are transacted or, with respect to any future date, are expected to be transacted in the London interbank market.

"Representative amount" means a principal amount that is representative for a single transaction in the relevant market at the relevant time.

For purposes of the floating rate notes, "business day" means each Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday that is not a day on which banking institutions in Sydney, Australia, New York, New York, or London, United Kingdom are authorized or obligated by law or executive order to close.

All calculations of the calculation agent, in the absence of manifest error, will be conclusive for all purposes and binding on Westpac and on the holders of the floating rate notes. In no event shall the interest rate on the floating rate notes be higher than the maximum rate permitted by New York law, as the same may be modified by United States law of general application. The calculation agent will, upon the request of any holder of the floating rate notes, provide the rate of interest then in effect.

All percentages resulting from any of the above calculations will be rounded, if necessary, to the nearest one hundred thousandth of a percentage point, with five one-millionths of a percentage point rounded upwards (e.g., 9.876545% (or .09876545) being rounded to 9.87655% (or .0987655)) and all

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dollar amounts used in or resulting from such calculations will be rounded to the nearest cent (with one-half cent being rounded upwards).

Redemption

We will not be permitted to redeem the fixed rate notes or floating rate notes at our option, other than for taxation reasons as described under "Description of the Debt Securities Redemption of Debt Securities Redemption for Taxation Reasons" in the accompanying prospectus.

Events of default

The senior indenture provides that, if an event of default in respect of any series of notes shall have occurred and be continuing, either the trustee or the holders of not less than 33¹/₃% in principal amount of such series of notes may declare the principal amount of such series of notes to be due and payable immediately, by written notice to Westpac (and by written notice to the trustee if given by the holders). The consequence of this action is that the principal amount of such series of notes shall be immediately due and payable by Westpac.

The senior indenture defines events of default in respect of each of the fixed rate notes and the floating rate notes as:

Westpac fails to pay interest or any additional amount on any note of such series when due and payable and such failure continues for a period of 30 days;

Westpac fails to pay the principal of, or any premium on, any note of such series when due and payable and such failure continues for a period of 15 days;

Westpac fails to perform for a period of 60 days after written notice to Westpac by the trustee or to Westpac and the trustee by the holders of not less than 33¹/₃% in principal amount of the outstanding notes of such series any material covenant or warranty in the senior indenture (other than those listed in the first and second bullets above or any other covenant which has been expressly included in the senior indenture solely for the benefit of any other series of senior debt securities issued under the senior indenture other than the notes of such series) in respect of the notes of such series;

Westpac commences a voluntary case or proceeding under any applicable law involving any winding-up of Westpac;

Westpac consents to the entry of a decree or order for relief in an involuntary case or proceeding under applicable law involving a winding-up of Westpac or to the commencement of any such case or proceeding against Westpac;

Westpac files a petition or answer or consent seeking a decree or order for relief or consents to the filing of such a petition in a proceeding in connection with a winding-up of a Westpac;

the entry of a decree or order by a court of competent jurisdiction, which is not successfully appealed within 60 days for relief involving or resulting in the winding-up of Westpac; and

specified events, including the entry of a decree or order by a court of competent jurisdiction appointing a custodian, receiver, liquidator or other similar official of Westpac or of any substantial part of Westpac's property or similar events of Westpac.

Under the Australian Banking Act, for the purpose of protecting depositors and maintaining the stability of the Australian financial system, APRA has administrative power, among other things, to issue a direction to us regarding the conduct of our business, including prohibiting making payments with respect to our debt obligations (including the notes), and, if we become unable to meet our

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obligations or suspend payment (and in certain other limited circumstances), to appoint an "ADI statutory manager" to take control of our business.

The Australian Banking Act provides that any other party to a contract to which we are a party (which would include the trustee and a holder of the notes) may not, among other things, accelerate any debt under that contract on the grounds that we are subject to a direction by APRA under the Australian Banking Act that results in an event of default with respect to the notes or an "ADI statutory manager" is in control of our business, which could prevent the trustee or holders of the notes from accelerating repayment of the notes or obtaining or enforcing a judgment for repayment of the notes following acceleration. However, in the event of a winding-up, the trustee and the holders of the notes would be entitled to accelerate repayment of the notes (and exercise any other available remedy).

Notes issued as global notes

The notes are expected to be issued in the form of global notes. See "Description of the Debt Securities Global Securities" in the accompanying prospectus.

Book-Entry System

All interests in the notes will be subject to the operations and procedures of DTC, Euroclear Bank SA/NV, which we refer to as Euroclear, and Clearstream Banking, société anonyme, which we refer to as Clearstream. The descriptions of the operations and procedures of DTC, Euroclear and Clearstream set forth below are provided solely as a matter of convenience. These operations and procedures are solely within the control of the respective settlement systems and are subject to change by them from time to time. We obtained the information in this section and elsewhere in this prospectus supplement concerning DTC, Euroclear and Clearstream and their respective book-entry systems from sources that we believe are reliable, but we take no responsibility for the accuracy of any of this information.

The Depository Trust Company, New York, NY, will act as securities depository for the notes. The notes will be issued as fully-registered securities registered in the name of Cede & Co. (DTC's partnership nominee) or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. One fully-registered note certificate will be issued for each issue of the notes, each in the aggregate principal amount of such issue, and will be deposited with DTC. If, however, the aggregate principal amount of any issue exceeds \$500 million, one certificate will be issued with respect to each \$500 million of principal amount and an additional certificate will be issued with respect to any remaining principal amount of such issue.

DTC, the world's largest securities depository, is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a "banking organization" within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a "clearing corporation" within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code, and a "clearing agency" registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, which we refer to as the Exchange Act. DTC holds and provides asset servicing for over 3.5 million issues of U.S. and non-U.S. equity issues, corporate and municipal debt issues, and money market instruments from over 100 countries that DTC's participants, which we refer to as Direct Participants, deposit with DTC. DTC also facilitates the post-trade settlement among Direct Participants of sales and other securities transactions in deposited securities through electronic computerized book-entry transfers and pledges between Direct Participants' accounts. This eliminates the need for physical movement of securities certificates. Direct Participants include both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations, and certain other organizations. DTC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation, which we refer to as DTCC. DTCC is the holding

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company for DTC, National Securities Clearing Corporation and Fixed Income Clearing Corporation, all of which are registered clearing agencies. DTCC is owned by the users of its regulated subsidiaries. Access to the DTC system is also available to others such as both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, and clearing corporations that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Direct Participant, either directly or indirectly, which we refer to as Indirect Participants. The DTC Rules applicable to its Participants are on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission. More information about DTC can be found at www.dtcc.com and www.dtc.org.

Purchases of notes under the DTC system must be made by or through Direct Participants, which will receive a credit for the notes on DTC's records. The ownership interest of each actual purchaser of each note, which we refer to as a Beneficial Owner, is in turn to be recorded on the Direct and Indirect Participants' records. Beneficial Owners will not receive written confirmation from DTC of their purchase. Beneficial Owners are, however, expected to receive written confirmations providing details of the transaction, as well as periodic statements of their holdings, from the Direct or Indirect Participant through which the Beneficial Owner entered into the transaction. Transfers of ownership interests in the notes are to be accomplished by entries made on the books of Direct and Indirect Participants acting on behalf of Beneficial Owners. Beneficial Owners will not receive certificates representing their ownership interests in notes, except in the event that use of the book-entry system for the notes is discontinued.

To facilitate subsequent transfers, all notes deposited by Direct Participants with DTC are registered in the name of DTC's partnership nominee, Cede & Co., or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. The deposit of notes with DTC and their registration in the name of Cede & Co. or such other DTC nominee do not effect any change in beneficial ownership. DTC has no knowledge of the actual Beneficial Owners of the notes; DTC's records reflect only the identity of the Direct Participants to whose accounts the notes are credited, which may or may not be the Beneficial Owners. The Direct and Indirect Participants will remain responsible for keeping account of their holdings on behalf of their customers.

Conveyance of notices and other communications by DTC to Direct Participants, by Direct Participants to Indirect Participants, and by Direct Participants and Indirect Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by arrangements among them, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time.

Redemption notices shall be sent to DTC. If less than all of the notes within an issue are being redeemed, DTC's practice is to determine by lot the amount of the interest of each Direct Participant in such issue to be redeemed.

Neither DTC nor Cede & Co. (nor any other DTC nominee) will consent or vote with respect to the notes unless authorized by a Direct Participant in accordance with DTC's MMI Procedures. Under its usual procedures, DTC mails an Omnibus Proxy to us as soon as possible after the record date. The Omnibus Proxy assigns Cede & Co.'s consenting or voting rights to those Direct Participants to whose accounts the notes are credited on the record date (identified in a listing attached to the Omnibus Proxy).

Redemption proceeds, distributions, and interest payments on the notes will be made to Cede & Co., or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. DTC's practice is to credit Direct Participants' accounts upon DTC's receipt of funds and corresponding detail information from us or our agent on payable date in accordance with their respective holdings shown on DTC's records. Payments by Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is the case with securities held for the accounts of customers in bearer form or registered in "street name," and will be the responsibility of such Participant and not of DTC, our agent or us, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Payment of redemption proceeds, distributions, and interest

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payments to Cede & Co. (or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC) is the responsibility of Westpac or our agent, disbursement of such payments to Direct Participants will be the responsibility of DTC, and disbursement of such payments to the Beneficial Owners will be the responsibility of Direct and Indirect Participants.

DTC may discontinue providing its services as depository with respect to the notes at any time by giving reasonable notice to us or our agent. Under such circumstances, in the event that a successor depository is not obtained, note certificates are required to be printed and delivered.

We may decide to discontinue use of the system of book-entry-only transfers through DTC (or a successor securities depository). In that event, note certificates will be printed and delivered to DTC.

Euroclear. Euroclear was created in 1968 to hold securities for participants of Euroclear, which we refer to as Euroclear Participants, and to clear and settle transactions between Euroclear Participants through simultaneous electronic book-entry delivery against payment, thereby eliminating the need for physical movement of certificates and any risk from lack of simultaneous transfers of securities and cash. Euroclear includes various other services, including securities lending and borrowing and interfaces with domestic markets in several markets in several countries. Euroclear is operated by Euroclear Bank SA/NV, which we refer to as the Euroclear Operator, under contract with Euroclear Clearance Systems S.C., a Belgian cooperative corporation, which we refer to as the Cooperative. All operations are conducted by the Euroclear Operator, and all Euroclear securities clearance accounts and Euroclear cash accounts are accounts with the Euroclear Operator, not the Cooperative. The Cooperative establishes policy for Euroclear on behalf of Euroclear Participants. Euroclear Participants include banks (including central banks), securities brokers and dealers and other professional financial intermediaries and may include the underwriters. Indirect access to Euroclear is also available to other firms that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Euroclear Participant, either directly or indirectly.

The Euroclear Operator is regulated and examined by the Belgian Banking Commission. Distributions of principal and interest with respect to notes held through Euroclear will be credited to the cash accounts of Euroclear participants in accordance with the relevant system's rules and procedures, to the extent received by such system's depository.

Clearstream. Clearstream is incorporated under the laws of Luxembourg as a professional depository. Clearstream holds securities for its participating organizations, which we refer to as Clearstream Participants, and facilitates the clearance and settlement of securities transactions between Clearstream Participants through electronic book-entry changes in accounts of Clearstream Participants, thereby eliminating the need for physical movement of certificates. Clearstream provides Clearstream Participants with, among other things, services for safekeeping, administration, clearance and establishment of internationally traded securities and securities lending and borrowing. Clearstream interfaces with domestic markets in several countries. As a professional depository, Clearstream is subject to regulation by the Luxembourg Monetary Institute. Clearstream Participants are recognized financial institutions around the world, including underwriters, securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations and certain other organizations, and may include the underwriters. Indirect access to Clearstream is also available to others, such as banks, brokers, dealers and trust companies that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Clearstream Participant either directly or indirectly.

Distributions with respect to notes held beneficially through Clearstream will be credited to cash accounts of Clearstream Participants in accordance with its rules and procedures to the extent received by the U.S. depository for Clearstream.

Links have been established among DTC, Clearstream and Euroclear to facilitate the initial issuance of the notes and cross-market transfers of the notes associated with secondary market trading.

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DTC will be linked indirectly to Clearstream and Euroclear through the DTC accounts of their respective U.S. depositaries.

Global Clearance and Settlement Procedures. Initial settlement for the notes will be made in immediately available funds. Transfers between participants in DTC will be effected in accordance with DTC's procedures, and will be settled in same-day funds. Transfers between participants in Euroclear or Clearstream will be effected in the ordinary way in accordance with their respective rules and operating procedures.

Cross-market transfers between participants in DTC, on the one hand, and Euroclear or Clearstream participants, on the other hand, will be effected through DTC in accordance with DTC's rules on behalf of Euroclear or Clearstream, as the case may be, by its respective depository. However, those cross-market transactions will require delivery of instructions to Euroclear or Clearstream, as the case may be, by the counterparty in that system in accordance with the rules and procedures and within the established deadlines (Brussels time) of that system. Euroclear or Clearstream, as the case may be, will, if the transaction meets its settlement requirements, deliver instructions to its respective depository to take action to effect final settlement on its behalf by delivering or receiving interests in the relevant notes in DTC, and making or receiving payment in accordance with normal procedures for same-day funds settlement applicable to DTC. Euroclear Participants and Clearstream Participants may not deliver instructions directly to the depositaries for Euroclear or Clearstream.

Because of time zone differences, the securities account of a Euroclear or Clearstream participant purchasing an interest in a note from a participant in DTC will be credited, and any such crediting will be reported to the relevant Euroclear or Clearstream participant, during the securities settlement processing day (which must be a business day for Euroclear and Clearstream) immediately following the settlement date of DTC. DTC has advised us that cash received in Euroclear or Clearstream as a result of sales of interests in a note by or through a Euroclear or Clearstream participant to a participant in DTC will be received with value on the settlement date of DTC but will be available in the relevant Euroclear or Clearstream cash account only as of the business day for Euroclear or Clearstream following DTC's settlement date.

Although we understand that DTC, Euroclear and Clearstream have agreed to the foregoing procedures to facilitate transfers of interests in the notes among participants in DTC, Euroclear and Clearstream, they are under no obligation to perform or to continue to perform those procedures, and those procedures may be discontinued at any time. Neither we nor the trustee will have any responsibility for the performance by DTC, Euroclear or Clearstream or their respective participants or indirect participants of their respective obligations under the rules and procedures governing their operations.

Defeasance

The notes are subject to our ability to defease and/or discharge as described under the caption "Description of the Debt Securities Satisfaction and Discharge of the Indentures; Defeasance" in the accompanying prospectus.

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TAXATION

For a general discussion of the material US federal income tax and Australian tax considerations relating to the purchase, ownership, and disposition of the notes by certain holders, please refer to "Taxation" in the accompanying prospectus. In addition, certain US Holders (as defined in the accompanying prospectus) that are individuals, estates or trusts are subject to a 3.8% US tax on all or a portion of their "net investment income," which may include all or a portion of their interest income and net gain from the sale, exchange, retirement or other disposition of a note. Further, in the discussion under "Taxation Australian Taxation" in the accompanying prospectus, (i) any references to the "Australian Tax Act" should be taken to also refer to the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997 of Australia (as relevant) and the rate of withholding tax imposed under section 12-140 of Schedule 1 to the Taxation Administration Act 1953 of Australia is 49% for the 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 income years and under current law will be reduced to 47% following the 2016-17 income year and (ii) the Federal Treasury Department's website has been changed to: www.treasury.gov.au/policy-topics/taxation/tax-treaties/html/income-tax-treaties. Prospective purchasers are advised to consult their own tax advisers as to the US federal income tax, Australian tax and other tax considerations relating to the purchase, ownership and disposition of the notes in light of their particular circumstances, as well as the effect of any state, local, or foreign tax laws.

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Citigroup Global Markets Inc., J.P. Morgan Securities LLC and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated are acting as the representatives of the underwriters named below. Subject to the terms and conditions stated in the underwriting agreement dated the date of this prospectus supplement, each underwriter named below has agreed to severally purchase, and we have agreed to sell to that underwriter, the principal amount of fixed rate notes and floating rate notes set forth opposite the underwriter's name.

Underwriter	Principal Amount of Fixed Rate Notes	Principal Amount of Floating Rate Notes
Citigroup Global Markets Inc.	US\$	US\$
J.P. Morgan Securities LLC		
Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated		
Total	US\$	US\$

The underwriting agreement provides that the obligations of the underwriters to purchase the notes offered hereby are subject to approval of legal matters by counsel and to other conditions. The underwriters are obligated to purchase all the notes if they purchase any of the notes.

The underwriters have advised us that they propose to offer some of the notes directly to the public at the public offering price, set forth on the cover page of this prospectus supplement and some of the notes to dealers at the public offering price, less a concession not to exceed % of the principal amount of the notes. The underwriters may allow, and dealers may reallow, a concession not to exceed % of the principal amount of the notes. After the initial offering of the notes to the public, the representatives may change the public offering price and other selling terms. The offering of the notes by the underwriters is subject to receipt and acceptance and subject to the underwriters' right to reject any order in whole or in part. In connection with this offering of the notes, we will pay an underwriting discount to the underwriters of % (expressed as a percentage) of the principal amount of the notes.

In connection with the offering of the notes, the representatives may engage in transactions that stabilize, maintain or otherwise affect the prices of the notes. Specifically, the underwriters may overalloc in connection with the offering of the notes, creating a syndicate short position. In addition, the underwriters may bid for, and purchase, notes in the open market to cover syndicate short positions or to stabilize the prices of the notes. Finally, the underwriting syndicate may reclaim selling concessions allowed for distributing the notes in the offering of the notes, if the syndicate repurchases previously distributed notes in syndicate covering transactions, stabilization transactions or otherwise. Any of these activities may stabilize or maintain the market prices of the notes above independent market levels. The underwriters are not required to engage in any of these activities, and may end any of them at any time without notice.

The underwriters also may impose a penalty bid. This occurs when a particular underwriter repays to the underwriters a portion of the underwriting discount received by it because the representatives have repurchased notes sold by or for the account of such underwriter in stabilizing or short covering transactions.

We estimate that our total expenses, excluding the underwriting discount, for this offering will be US\$. The underwriters have agreed to reimburse us for certain of our expenses relating to this offering.

We have agreed to indemnify the several underwriters against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act, or to contribute to payments the underwriters may be required to make because of any of those liabilities.

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Each of the fixed rate notes and the floating rate notes is a new issue of securities with no established trading market. The notes will not be listed on any securities exchange or on any automated dealer quotation system. The underwriters may make a market in the fixed rate notes or the floating rate notes after completion of the offering, but will not be obligated to do so and may discontinue any market-making activities at any time without notice. No assurance can be given as to the liquidity of the trading market for the fixed rate notes or the floating rate notes or that an active public market for the fixed rate notes or the floating rate notes will develop. If an active public market for the fixed rate notes or the floating rate notes does not develop, the market price and liquidity of the fixed rate notes or the floating rate notes may be adversely affected.

The underwriters and their respective affiliates are full service financial institutions engaged in various activities, which may include securities trading, commercial and investment banking, financial advisory, investment management, investment research, principal investment, hedging, financing and brokerage activities. The underwriters and their affiliates have, directly and indirectly, provided various investment and commercial banking services to us and our affiliates for which they received customary fees and commissions. The underwriters and their affiliates may, from time to time, engage in other transactions with and perform services for us in the ordinary course of their business. In the ordinary course of their various business activities, the underwriters and their respective affiliates may make or hold a broad array of investments and actively trade debt and equity securities (or related derivative securities) and financial instruments (including bank loans) for their own account and for the accounts of their customers, and such investment and securities activities may involve securities and/or instruments of the issuer. If any of the underwriters or their affiliates has a lending relationship with us, certain of those underwriters and affiliates routinely hedge and certain other of those underwriters or affiliates may hedge their credit exposure to us consistent with their customary risk management policies. Typically, these underwriters and their affiliates would hedge such exposure by entering into transactions which consist of either the purchase of credit default swaps or the creation of short positions in our securities, including potentially the notes offered hereby. Any such credit default swaps or short positions could adversely affect future trading prices of the notes offered hereby. The underwriters and their respective affiliates may also make investment recommendations and/or publish or express independent research views in respect of such securities or instruments and may at any time hold, or recommend to clients that they acquire, long and/or short positions in such securities and instruments.

Since trades in the secondary market generally settle in three business days, purchasers who wish to trade notes on the date of pricing or the next succeeding business day will be required, by virtue of the fact that the notes initially settle in T+5, to specify alternative settlement arrangements to prevent a failed settlement.

Offering restrictions

Australia

Neither this prospectus supplement nor the accompanying prospectus or any disclosure document (as defined in the Australian Corporations Act) in relation to the notes has been, or will be, lodged with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission, which we refer to as ASIC. Each underwriter has represented and agreed that, in connection with the distribution of the notes, it:

(i) has not offered for issue or sale, nor invited applications for the issue, sale or purchase of, any notes in Australia (including an offer or invitation which is received by a person in Australia);

(ii) will not offer for issue or sale, nor invite applications for the issue or sale of, or to purchase, any notes in Australia (including an offer or invitation which is received by a person in Australia); and

(iii) has not distributed or published, and will not distribute or publish, this prospectus supplement or any other offering material or advertisement relating to the notes in Australia;

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unless:

(x) (A) the aggregate amount payable on acceptance of the offer by each offeree or invitee for the notes of either series is a minimum amount (disregarding amounts, if any, lent by Westpac or another person offering the notes of such series or an associate (as defined in Division 2 of Part 1.2 of the Australian Corporations Act) of either of them) of A\$500,000 (or its equivalent in an alternate currency); or (B) the offer or invitation is otherwise an offer or invitation for which no disclosure is required to be made under Parts 6D.2 or 7.9 of the Australian Corporations Act;

(y) the offer, invitation or distribution complies with all applicable Australian laws and regulations in relation to the offer, invitation or distribution; and

(z) such action does not require any document to be lodged with the ASIC or the Australian Securities Exchange operated by ASX Limited.

European Economic Area

Neither this prospectus supplement nor the accompanying prospectus is a prospectus for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive (and any amendments thereto) as implemented in member states of the European Economic Area. This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus have been prepared on the basis that all offers of the notes in the member states of the European Economic Area will be made pursuant to an exemption under the Prospectus Directive from the requirement to produce a prospectus in connection with offers of the notes. Accordingly, any person making or intending to make any offer within the European Economic Area of notes which are the subject of the offering contemplated in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus should only do so in circumstances in which no obligation arises for Westpac or any underwriter to produce a prospectus for such offers. Neither Westpac nor any underwriter has authorized, nor do they authorize, the making of any offer of the notes through any financial intermediary, other than offers made by the underwriters which constitute the final placement of the notes contemplated in this prospectus supplement.

In relation to each Member State of the European Economic Area which has implemented the Prospectus Directive (each of which we refer to as a Relevant Member State), each underwriter has represented and agreed that with effect from and including the date on which the Prospectus Directive is implemented in that Relevant Member State it has not made and will not make an offer of notes to the public which are the subject of the offering contemplated by this prospectus supplement in that Relevant Member State other than:

(i) to any legal entity which is a qualified investor as defined in the Prospectus Directive;

(ii) to fewer than 100 or, if the Relevant Member State has implemented the relevant provisions of the 2010 PD Amending Directive, 150, natural or legal persons (other than qualified investors as defined in the Prospectus Directive), as permitted under the Prospectus Directive, subject to obtaining the prior consent of the underwriters nominated by Westpac; or

(iii) in any other circumstances falling within Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive,

provided that no such offer of notes shall require Westpac or any underwriter to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive.

For the purposes of this provision, the expression an "offer of notes to the public" in relation to any notes in any Relevant Member State means the communication in any form and by any means of sufficient information on the terms of the offer and the notes to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe for the notes, as the same may be varied in that Relevant Member State by any measure implementing the Prospectus Directive in that Relevant Member State, the expression "Prospectus Directive" means Directive 2003/71/EC (and amendments thereto, including the 2010 PD Amending Directive, to the extent implemented in the Relevant Member State), and includes any relevant implementing measure in each Relevant Member State and the expression "2010 PD Amending Directive" means Directive 2010/73/EU.

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France

Each underwriter has represented and agreed that:

(i) in connection with its initial distribution of the notes, (A) it has not offered or sold and will not offer or sell, directly or indirectly, any notes to the public in the Republic of France and (B) offers and sales of notes will be made in the Republic of France only to qualified investors as defined and in accordance with Articles L.411-1 and L.411-2 of the French Code *monétaire et financier* relating to qualified investors; and

(ii) it has not distributed or caused to be distributed and will not distribute or cause to be distributed in the Republic of France this prospectus supplement or any other offering material relating to the notes other than to investors to whom offers and sales of notes in the Republic of France may be made as described in (i)(B) above.

In compliance with Article 211-4 of the General regulation of the *Autorité des marchés financiers* (French stock exchange authority) investors are informed that the notes have not been subject to a prospectus submitted for approval to the *Autorité des marchés financiers*.

The persons or entities referred to in Article L.411-2.II.4 of the French Code *monétaire et financier* may purchase notes solely for their own account under the conditions referred to in Articles D.411-1, D.411-2, D.734-1, D.744-1 and D.754-1 and D.764-1 of the French Code *monétaire et financier*.

The notes thus acquired cannot be distributed directly or indirectly to the public otherwise than in accordance with the conditions referred to in Articles L.411-1, L.412-1 and L.621-8 to L.621-8-3 of the French Code *monétaire et financier*.

The Netherlands

Each underwriter has represented and agreed in respect of the notes that it has not offered and that it will not offer, directly or indirectly, any notes in The Netherlands and that such an offer may not be announced (whether electronically or otherwise), unless the notes are offered exclusively to persons who qualify as professional market parties within the meaning of article 1:1 of the Financial Markets Supervision Act (*Wet op het financieel toezicht*).

Japan

Each underwriter has represented and agreed that the notes have not been and will not be registered under the Financial Instruments and Exchange Law of Japan (Law No. 25 of 1948, as amended) (the "Financial Instruments and Exchange Law"), and has agreed not to offer or sell the notes, directly or indirectly, in Japan or to, or for the account or benefit of, any Japanese Person or to others for re-offering or resale, directly or indirectly, in Japan or to, or for the account or benefit of, any Japanese Person, except pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of, and otherwise in compliance with, the Financial Instruments and Exchange Law and any other applicable laws, regulations and ministerial guidelines of Japan. For the purpose of this paragraph "Japanese Person" means any person resident in Japan, including any corporation or other entity organized under the laws of Japan.

Hong Kong

Each underwriter has represented and agreed that it will not sell or offer to sell the notes to persons in Hong Kong by means of any document other than to persons whose ordinary business is to buy or sell shares or debentures, whether as principal or agent, or other than in circumstances which do not constitute an offer to the public within the meaning of the Companies Ordinance (Cap. 32) of Hong Kong or which do not result in the document being a "prospectus" within the meaning of the Companies Ordinance (Cap.32) of Hong Kong and that it will not issue and will not have in its possession for the purpose of issue any advertisement, invitation or document relating to the notes (in each case whether in Hong Kong or elsewhere) which is directed at, or the contents of which are likely

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to be accessed or read by, the public in Hong Kong (except if permitted to do so under the securities laws of Hong Kong) other than with respect to notes which are or are intended to be disposed of only to persons outside Hong Kong or only to "professional investors" within the meaning of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571) of Hong Kong and any rules made thereunder.

Singapore

This prospectus supplement has not been registered as a prospectus with the Monetary Authority of Singapore. Accordingly, this prospectus supplement and any other document or material in connection with the offer or sale, or invitation for subscription or purchase, of the notes may not be circulated or distributed, nor may the notes be offered or sold, or be made the subject of an invitation for subscription or purchase, whether directly or indirectly, to persons in Singapore other than (a) to an institutional investor under Section 274 of the Securities and Futures Act, Chapter 289 of Singapore (the "SFA"), (b) to a relevant person pursuant to Section 275(1), or any person pursuant to Section 275 (1A), and in accordance with the conditions specified in Section 275, of the SFA, or (c) otherwise pursuant to, and in accordance with the conditions of, any other applicable provision of the SFA.

Where the notes are subscribed or purchased under Section 275 of the SFA by a relevant person which is:

- (i) a corporation (which is not an accredited investor (as defined in Section 4A of the SFA)), the sole business of which is to hold investments and the entire share capital of which is owned by one or more individuals, each of whom is an accredited investor; or
- (ii) a trust (where the trustee is not an accredited investor) whose sole purpose is to hold investments and each beneficiary of the trust is an individual who is an accredited investor,

securities (as defined in Section 239(1) of the SFA) of that corporation or the beneficiaries' rights and interest (howsoever defined) in that trust shall not be transferred within six months after that corporation or that trust has acquired the notes pursuant to an offer made under Section 275 of the SFA except:

- (x) to an institutional investor or to a relevant person defined in Section 275(2) of the SFA or to any person arising from an offer referred to in Section 275(1A) or Section 276(4)(i)(B) of the SFA;
- (y) where no consideration is or will be given for the transfer;
- (z) where the transfer is by operation of law;
- (aa) as specified in Section 276(7) of the SFA; or
- (bb) as specified in Regulation 32 of the Securities and Futures (Offers of Investments) (Shares and Debentures) Regulations 2005 of Singapore.

The United Kingdom

Each underwriter has represented and agreed that:

- (i) it has only communicated or caused to be communicated and will only communicate or cause to be communicated an invitation or inducement to engage in investment activity (within the meaning of Section 21 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 of the United Kingdom (as amended) (the "FSMA")) received by it in connection with the issue or sale of the notes in circumstances in which Section 21(1) of the FSMA would not apply to Westpac if Westpac was not an authorized person; and
- (ii) it has complied and will comply with all applicable provisions of the FSMA with respect to anything done by it in relation to the notes in, from or otherwise involving the United Kingdom.

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WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We file annual and other reports and other information with the SEC under the Exchange Act. This information may be read and copied at the Public Reference Room of the SEC at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the operation of these public reference facilities. The SEC maintains an Internet site, <http://www.sec.gov>, which contains reports, proxy and information statements and other information regarding issuers that are subject to the SEC's reporting requirements.

You may request a copy of any filings (excluding exhibits) referred to above and in "Incorporation of Information We File with the SEC" at no cost by contacting us at the following address: Westpac Banking Corporation, New York Branch, 575 Fifth Avenue, 39th Floor, New York, New York 10017-2422, Attention: Branch Manager. Telephone requests may be directed to such person at (212) 551-1905.

This prospectus supplement is a supplement to the accompanying prospectus contained in a registration statement that we have filed with the SEC relating to the notes to be offered. This prospectus supplement does not contain all of the information we have included in the registration statement, including the accompanying prospectus, and the accompanying exhibits and schedules in accordance with the rules and regulations of the SEC, and we refer you to the omitted information. The statements this prospectus supplement makes pertaining to the content of any contract, agreement or other document that is an exhibit to the registration statement necessarily are summaries of their material provisions and do not describe all exceptions and qualifications contained in those contracts, agreements or documents. You should read those contracts, agreements or documents for information that may be important to you. The registration statement, exhibits and schedules are available at the SEC's Public Reference Room or through its Internet site.

INCORPORATION OF INFORMATION WE FILE WITH THE SEC

The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference the information we file with them, which means:

incorporated documents are considered part of this prospectus supplement;

we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents; and

information that we file with the SEC will automatically update and supersede this prospectus supplement and any previously incorporated information.

We incorporate by reference the documents listed below which were filed with or furnished to the SEC under the Exchange Act:

our annual report on Form 20-F for the financial year ended September 30, 2014, together with Amendment No. 1 to our annual report on Form 20-F/A for the financial year ended September 30, 2014;

the information contained in Exhibit 1 to our report on Form 6-K dated November 12, 2014;

the information contained in our report on Form 6-K dated November 13, 2014 (including the information set forth in Exhibit 1 under the heading "Attachment Two: Summary of Key Terms of Employment Agreement", but excluding the other information set forth in Exhibit 1);

the information contained in our report on Form 6-K dated February 2, 2015 (excluding the information set forth in Exhibit 1);

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the information contained in our report on Form 6-K dated February 20, 2015 (including the information set forth in Exhibit 1, but excluding the information set forth in Exhibit 2);

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the information contained in Exhibit 1 to our report on Form 6-K dated May 4, 2015 (excluding the information set forth in Exhibits 2 and 3); and

the information contained in Exhibit 1 to our report on Form 6-K dated May 8, 2015 (excluding pages 76 and 106 of such Exhibit).

We also incorporate by reference each of the following documents that we will file with the SEC after the date of this prospectus supplement until this offering is completed:

reports filed under Sections 13(a) and (c) of the Exchange Act, including reports on Form 6-K if and to the extent specified in such report as being incorporated by reference in the accompanying prospectus; and

any reports filed under Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act.

You should assume that the information appearing in this prospectus supplement is accurate only as of the date of this prospectus supplement and that information appearing in documents incorporated by reference herein is accurate only as of the respective dates of those documents. Our business, financial condition and results of operations may have changed since that date.

CURRENCY OF PRESENTATION AND EXCHANGE RATES

We publish our consolidated financial statements in Australian dollars.

The following table sets forth, for Westpac's financial years indicated, the high, low, average and period-end noon buying rates in New York City for cable transfers of Australian dollars as certified for customs purposes by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, expressed in U.S. dollars per A\$1.00. Westpac's financial year ends on September 30 of each year.

Financial Year	At Period End	Average Rate(1)	High	Low
2009	0.8824	0.7400	0.8824	0.6073
2010	0.9640	0.9003	0.9714	0.8172
2011	0.9744	1.0318	1.1026	0.9594
2012	1.0388	1.0371	1.0806	0.9453
2013	0.9342	0.9885	1.0579	0.8901
2014	0.8737	0.9155	0.9705	0.8715
2015(2)	0.7914	0.8058	0.8904	0.7566

(1) The average of the noon buying rates on the last day of each month or portion thereof during the period.

(2) Through May 8, 2015.

Regulations in Australia restrict or prohibit payments, transactions and dealings with assets having a proscribed connection with certain countries or named individuals or entities subject to international sanctions or associated with terrorism.

VALIDITY OF SECURITIES

King & Wood Mallesons, our Australian counsel, will provide an opinion to the effect that we have duly authorized the issuance of the notes. Additionally, the validity of the notes under New York law will be passed upon for us by our New York counsel, Debevoise & Plimpton LLP, New York, New York. The validity of the notes under New York law will be passed upon for the Underwriters by their United States counsel, Sidley Austin LLP, New York, New York.

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EXPERTS

The financial statements and management's assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting (which is included in Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting), incorporated in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus by reference to the 2014 Form 20-F, have been so incorporated in reliance on the report of PricewaterhouseCoopers, an independent registered public accounting firm, given on the authority of said firm as experts in auditing and accounting. PricewaterhouseCoopers is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia.

EXPENSES

The following table sets forth the aggregate expenses, other than the underwriting discount, to be paid by us in connection with this offering. All amounts shown are estimates, except for the SEC registration fee.

SEC Registration Fee	US\$	
Printing Expenses		15,000
Trustee's Fees and Expenses		7,500
Accountants' Fees and Expenses		25,000
Legal Fees and Expenses		100,000
Total	US\$	

PROSPECTUS

Westpac Banking Corporation

ABN 33 007 457 141

Debt Securities

By this prospectus, we may offer from time to time the securities described in this prospectus separately or together in any combination.

Specific terms of any securities to be offered will be provided in a supplement to this prospectus. You should read this prospectus and any supplement carefully before you invest. A supplement may also add to, update, supplement or clarify information contained in this prospectus.

Unless stated otherwise in a prospectus supplement or term sheet, none of these securities will be listed on any securities exchange.

The debt securities are not protected accounts or deposit liabilities for the purpose of the Banking Act of 1959 of Australia and are not insured by the United States Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other governmental agency or instrumentality.

We may offer and sell these securities to or through one or more agents, underwriters, dealers or other third parties or directly to one or more purchasers on a continuous or delayed basis.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The date of this prospectus is December 14, 2012.

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ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus is part of a registration statement that we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, which we refer to as the SEC, utilizing a "shelf" registration process. Under this shelf process, we are registering each class of securities described in this prospectus, and we may sell the securities described in this prospectus alone or in any combination in one or more offerings. This prospectus provides you with a general description of the securities we may offer. Each time we sell securities, we will provide a prospectus supplement or term sheet that will contain specific information about the terms of that offering. The prospectus supplement or term sheet may also add to, update, supplement, change or clarify information contained in this prospectus. The rules of the SEC allow us to incorporate by reference information into this prospectus. The information incorporated by reference is considered to be a part of this prospectus, and information that we file later with the SEC will automatically update and supersede this information. See "Incorporation of Information We File with the SEC." If the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus differs from any prospectus supplement, you should rely on the prospectus supplement. You should read both this prospectus and any prospectus supplement or term sheet together with additional information described under the heading "Where You Can Find More Information."

No person has been authorized to give any information or to make any representation other than those contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus and, if given or made, such information or representation must not be relied upon as having been authorized by Westpac Banking Corporation, or any underwriter, agent or dealer. Neither the delivery of this prospectus nor any sale made pursuant to this prospectus shall under any circumstances create any implication that there has been no change in the affairs of Westpac Banking Corporation since the date of this prospectus or that the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus is correct as of any time subsequent to the date of such information. This prospectus does not constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy any securities by anyone in any jurisdiction in which such offer or solicitation is not authorized or in which the person making such offer or solicitation is not qualified to do so or to any person to whom it is unlawful to make such offer or solicitation.

Unless otherwise indicated, or the context otherwise requires, references in this prospectus to the "Group," "we," "us" and "our" or similar terms are to Westpac Banking Corporation and its controlled entities (within the meaning of Section 50AA of the Commonwealth of Australia's Corporations Act 2001, which we refer to as the Australian Corporations Act), and references to "Westpac" are to Westpac Banking Corporation ABN 33 007 457 141.

All references in this prospectus, any supplement hereto or in any document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference in this prospectus to web sites are, unless we expressly state otherwise, intended to be inactive textual references for information only and any information contained in or accessible through any such web site does not form a part of this prospectus, unless we specifically state in this prospectus or in any such document that all or any portion of such information is incorporated by reference in this prospectus.

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FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus contains or incorporates by reference statements that constitute "forward-looking" statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, which we refer to as the Securities Act. Forward-looking statements appear in a number of places in this prospectus and the information incorporated by reference herein and include statements regarding our intent, belief or current expectations with respect to our business and operations, market conditions, results of operations and financial condition including, without limitation, future loan loss provisions and financial support to certain borrowers. We use words such as "will", "may", "expect", "intend", "seek", "would", "should", "could", "continue", "plan", "estimate", "anticipate", "believe", "probability", "risk" or other similar words to identify forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements reflect our current views with respect to future events and are subject to change, certain risks, uncertainties and assumptions which are, in many instances, beyond our control and have been made based upon management's expectations and beliefs concerning future developments and their potential effect upon us. There can be no assurance that future developments will be in accordance with our expectations or that the effect of future developments on us will be those anticipated. Actual results could differ materially from those which we expect, depending on the outcome of various factors, including, but not limited to, those set forth in our most recently filed Annual Report on Form 20-F and the other documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus. These factors include:

the effect of, and changes in, laws, regulations, taxation or accounting standards or practices and government policy, particularly changes to liquidity, leverage and capital requirements;

the stability of Australian and international financial systems and disruptions to financial markets and any losses or business impacts we or our customers or counterparties may experience as a result;

market volatility, including uncertain conditions in funding, equity and asset markets;

adverse asset, credit or capital market conditions;

changes to our credit ratings;

levels of inflation, interest rates, exchange rates and market and monetary fluctuations;

market liquidity and investor confidence;

changes in economic conditions, consumer spending, saving and borrowing habits in Australia, in New Zealand and in other countries in which we or our customers or counterparties conduct our or their operations and our ability to maintain or to increase market share and control expenses;

the effects of competition in the geographic and business areas in which we conduct our operations;

reliability and security of our technology and risks associated with changes to technology systems;

the timely development and acceptance of new products and services and the perceived overall value of these products and services by customers;

the effectiveness of our risk management policies, including our internal processes, systems and employees;

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the occurrence of environmental change or external events in countries in which we or our customers or counterparties conduct our or their operations;

internal and external events which may adversely impact our reputation;

changes in political, social or economic conditions in any of the major markets in which we or our customers or counterparties operate;

the success of strategic decisions involving business expansion and integration of new businesses;

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our ability to incur additional indebtedness and any limitations contained in the agreements governing such additional indebtedness; and

various other factors beyond our control.

All forward-looking statements speak only as of the date made. We are under no obligation, and do not intend, to update any forward-looking statements contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

WESTPAC BANKING CORPORATION

We are one of the four major banking organizations in Australia and, through our New Zealand operations, we are also one of the largest banking organizations in New Zealand. We provide a broad range of banking and financial services in these markets, including retail, business and institutional banking and wealth management services.

We were founded in 1817 and were the first bank to be established in Australia. In 1850 we were incorporated as the Bank of New South Wales by an Act of the New South Wales Parliament. In 1982 we changed our name to Westpac Banking Corporation following our merger with the Commercial Bank of Australia. On August 23, 2002, we were registered as a public company limited by shares under the Australian Corporations Act. Our principal office is located at 275 Kent Street, Sydney, New South Wales, 2000, Australia. Our telephone number for calls within Australia is 132 032 and our international telephone number is +61 2 9293 9270.

We have branches, affiliates and controlled entities throughout Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific region and maintain branches and offices in some of the key financial centers around the world. As at September 30, 2012, we had total assets of A\$675.0 billion. Our market capitalization as of September 30, 2012 was approximately A\$76.5 billion.

We have three key customer-facing divisions. These divisions are Australian Financial Services, Westpac Institutional Bank and Westpac New Zealand.

Australian Financial Services, which we refer to as AFS, is responsible for the Group's Australian retail banking, business banking and wealth operations. AFS also includes the product and risk responsibilities for Australian banking. It incorporates the operations of Westpac Retail & Business Banking, which we refer to as Westpac RBB, St.George Banking Group, which we refer to as St.George, and BT Financial Group Australia, which we refer to as BTFG.

Westpac RBB is responsible for sales and service for our consumer, small-to-medium enterprise customers and commercial customers (typically with turnover of up to A\$100 million) in Australia under the Westpac brand. Activities are conducted through Westpac RBB's network of branches, business banking centers and specialized consumer and business relationship managers, with the support of cash flow, financial markets and wealth specialists, customer service centers, automated teller machines, which we refer to as ATMs, and internet channels.

St.George is responsible for sales and service for consumer, business and corporate customers in Australia under the St.George, BankSA, Bank of Melbourne and RAMS brands. RAMS is a financial service group specializing in mortgages. Consumer activities are conducted through a network of branches, third party distributors, call centers, ATMs, Electronic Funds Transfer Point of Sale terminals and internet banking services. Business and corporate customers (businesses with facilities typically up to A\$150 million) are provided with a wide range of banking and financial products and services including specialist advice for cash flow finance, trade finance, automotive and equipment finance, property finance, transaction banking and treasury services. Sales and service activities for

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business and corporate customers are conducted by relationship managers via business banking centers, internet and customer service center channels.

BTFG is Westpac's Australian wealth management division. BTFG's funds management operations include the manufacturing and distribution of investment, superannuation and retirement products; investment platforms such as Wrap and master trusts; and private banking and financial planning. BTFG's insurance solutions cover the manufacturing and distribution of life, general and lenders mortgage insurance. BTFG's brands include Advance Asset Management, Ascalon, Asgard, BT, BT Investment Management (64.5% owned by us and consolidated in BTFG's Funds Management business), BT Select, Licensee Select, Magnitude, Securitor, and the advice, private banking and insurance operations of Bank of Melbourne, BankSA, St.George and Westpac.

Westpac Institutional Bank, which we refer to as WIB, delivers a broad range of financial services to commercial, corporate, institutional and government customers with connections to Australia and New Zealand. WIB operates through dedicated industry relationship and specialist product teams, with expert knowledge in transactional banking, financial and debt capital markets, specialized capital and alternative investment solutions. Customers are supported through branches and subsidiaries located in Australia, New Zealand, the United States, the United Kingdom and Asia.

Westpac New Zealand is responsible for the sales and service of banking, wealth and insurance products for consumers, business and institutional customers in New Zealand. Westpac conducts its New Zealand banking business through two banks in New Zealand: Westpac New Zealand Limited, which is incorporated in New Zealand, and Westpac Banking Corporation (NZ Division), a branch of Westpac, which is incorporated in Australia. Westpac New Zealand operates via an extensive network of branches and ATMs across both the North and South Islands. Business and institutional customers are also served through relationship and specialist product teams. Banking products are provided under the Westpac and WIB brands, while insurance and wealth products are provided under Westpac Life and BT brands, respectively.

Other divisions in the Group include:

Pacific Banking, which provides banking services for retail and business customers in seven Pacific island nations. Branches, ATMs, telephone banking and internet channels are used to deliver business activities in Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu, Cook Islands, Tonga, Solomon Islands and Samoa. Pacific Banking's financial products include personal savings accounts, business transactional accounts, personal and business lending products, business services and a range of international products;

Group Services, encompassing technology, banking operations, legal and property services;

Treasury, which is primarily focused on the management of our interest rate risk and funding requirements; and

Core Support, which comprises those functions performed centrally, including finance, risk and human resources.

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USE OF PROCEEDS

We intend to use the net proceeds from the sale of the securities offered by this prospectus for general corporate purposes, unless otherwise specified in the prospectus supplement or term sheet relating to a specific issue of securities. Our general corporate purposes may include financing our activities and those of our subsidiaries, including refinancing outstanding indebtedness, financing our assets and those of our subsidiaries, lengthening the average maturity of our borrowings, and financing acquisitions.

Until we use the net proceeds from the sale of any of our securities offered by this prospectus for general corporate purposes, we may use the net proceeds to reduce our short-term indebtedness or for temporary investments.

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DESCRIPTION OF THE DEBT SECURITIES

We may offer unsecured general obligations, which may be senior debt securities or subordinated debt securities. The senior debt securities and the subordinated debt securities are together referred to in this prospectus as the "debt securities."

The senior debt securities will be issued in one or more series under a senior indenture, dated as of July 1, 1999, between us and The Bank of New York Mellon, as successor to The Chase Manhattan Bank, as trustee, as supplemented and amended by the first supplemental indenture, dated as of August 27, 2009, between us and the trustee, as further supplemented and amended by the fifth supplemental indenture, dated as of August 14, 2012, between us and the trustee, which we refer to collectively as the senior indenture. The subordinated debt securities will be issued under an amended and restated subordinated indenture, dated as of May 15, 2003, between us and The Bank of New York Mellon, as successor to JPMorgan Chase Bank, as trustee, which we refer to as the subordinated indenture. Each indenture provides that there may be more than one trustee, each with respect to one or more series of debt securities. References to "we", "us" and "our" in this description of the debt securities refer only to Westpac Banking Corporation and not to any of its subsidiaries.

We have summarized below certain terms of the indentures which we believe will be most important to your decision to invest in our debt securities. You should keep in mind, however, that it is the indentures, and not this summary, which define your rights as a debtholder. There may be other provisions in the indentures which are also important to you. You should read the indentures for a full description of the terms of the debt securities. The senior indenture and the subordinated indenture are filed as exhibits to the registration statement that includes this prospectus. See "Where You Can Find More Information" for information on how to obtain copies of the senior indenture and the subordinated indenture. References in parenthetical below to sections or articles are to sections or articles of the indentures.

The following description of the terms of the debt securities sets forth certain general terms and provisions of the debt securities to which any prospectus supplement or term sheet may relate. The particular terms of the debt securities offered by any prospectus supplement or term sheet and the extent, if any, to which such general provisions may not apply to the debt securities will be described in the related prospectus supplement or term sheet. Accordingly, for a description of the terms of a particular issue of debt securities, you should refer to both the related prospectus supplement or term sheet and to the following description.

Ranking

Senior debt securities will be Westpac's direct, unconditional and unsecured obligations and will rank equally without any preference among themselves and, except for certain debts required to be preferred by law (including those in respect of Westpac's deposit liabilities in Australia), equally with all of Westpac's other unsecured and unsubordinated obligations. The senior debt securities will rank senior to Westpac's subordinated obligations, including any subordinated debt securities.

Subordinated debt securities will be Westpac's direct and unsecured obligations and will rank equally without any preference among themselves and, except for certain debts required to be preferred by law (including those in respect of Westpac's deposit liabilities in Australia), at least equally with all of Westpac's subordinated indebtedness. Subordinated indebtedness means indebtedness (present and future) that by its terms is, or is expressed to be, subordinated in the event of Westpac's winding up (as defined below) to the claims of its senior creditors (as defined below), other than (i) indebtedness that does not have a fixed maturity date and (ii) indebtedness the right to repayment of which by its terms is, or is expressed to be, subordinated in the event of Westpac's winding up to the subordinated debt securities. The subordinated debt securities will be subordinated to, and will be entitled to payment only after payment of, Westpac's senior creditors as described below under the caption " Provisions Applicable Only to Subordinated Debt Securities Subordination."

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Under Section 13A(3) of the Banking Act 1959 of Australia, which we refer to as the Australian Banking Act, Section 16 of the Australian Banking Act and Section 86 of the Reserve Bank Act 1959 of Australia, which we refer to as the Reserve Bank Act, certain debts of Westpac are preferred by law, as described below.

Section 13A(3) of the Australian Banking Act provides that if Westpac becomes unable to meet its obligations or suspends payment, the assets of Westpac in Australia are to be available to satisfy, in priority to all other liabilities of Westpac, including the debt securities:

first, certain obligations of Westpac to the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority, which we refer to as APRA, (if any) arising under Division 2AA of Part II of the Australian Banking Act in respect of amounts payable by APRA to holders of protected accounts (as defined below) in connection with the financial claims scheme, which we refer to as the FCS, established under the Australian Banking Act;

second, APRA's costs (if any) in exercising its powers and performing its functions relating to Westpac in connection with the FCS;

third, Westpac's liabilities (if any) in Australia in relation to protected accounts that account-holders keep with Westpac;

fourth, Westpac's debts (if any) to the Reserve Bank of Australia, which we refer to as the RBA; and

fifth, Westpac's liabilities (if any) under an industry support contract that is certified under Section 11CB of the Australian Banking Act.

A "protected account" is either (a) an account where Westpac is required to pay the accountholder, on demand or at an agreed time, the net credit balance of the account, or (b) another account or financial product prescribed by regulation.

Under Section 16(2) of the Australian Banking Act, certain other debts of Westpac due to APRA shall in a winding-up of Westpac have, subject to Section 13A(3) of the Australian Banking Act, priority over all other unsecured debts of Westpac. Further, Section 86 of the Reserve Bank Act provides that in a winding-up of Westpac, debts due by Westpac to the RBA shall, subject to Section 13A(3) of the Australian Banking Act, have priority over all other debts of Westpac. Further, certain assets, such as the assets of Westpac in a cover pool for covered bonds issued by Westpac, are excluded from constituting assets in Australia for the purposes of Section 13(A) of the Australian Banking Act, and those assets are subject to the prior claims of the covered bond holders and certain other secured creditors in respect of the covered bonds.

The debt securities are not protected accounts or deposit liabilities for the purpose of the Australian Banking Act, and are not insured by the United States Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other governmental agency or instrumentality.

General Terms of the Debt Securities

Westpac may issue the debt securities in one or more series pursuant to an indenture that supplements the senior indenture or the subordinated indenture, as the case may be, or a resolution of our board of directors or a duly authorized committee of our board of directors. (Section 3.1 of each indenture.) The aggregate principal amount of debt securities that may be issued under the indentures is unlimited. You should refer to the applicable prospectus supplement or term sheet for the specific terms of each series of debt securities which may include the following:

title and aggregate principal amount;

indenture under which such series of debt securities will be issued;

any applicable subordination provisions;

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percentage or percentages of principal amount at which such series of debt securities will be issued and percentage or percentages of principal amount payable upon declaration of acceleration of the maturity of such series of debt securities;

maturity date(s);

interest rate(s) or the method for determining the interest rate(s);

dates on which interest will accrue or the method for determining dates on which interest will accrue and dates on which interest will be payable;

place or places where principal, premium and interest will be payable;

redemption or early repayment provisions;

authorized denominations;

form (registered and/or bearer);

amount of discount with which such series of debt securities will be issued;

whether such series of debt securities will be issued in whole or in part in the form of one or more global securities;

identity of the depository for global securities;

whether a temporary security is to be issued with respect to such series of debt securities and whether any interest payable prior to the issuance of definitive debt securities of such series will be credited to the account of the persons entitled to such interest;

the terms upon which beneficial interests in a temporary global debt security may be exchanged in whole or in part for beneficial interests in a definitive global debt security or for individual definitive debt securities and the terms upon which such exchanges may be made;

currency, currencies or currency units in which the purchase price for, the principal of and any premium and any interest on, such series of debt securities will be payable;

time period within which, the manner in which and the terms and conditions upon which the purchaser of such series of debt securities can select the payment currency;

securities exchange(s) on which such series of debt securities will be listed, if any;

additions to or changes in the events of default with respect to such series of debt securities and any change in the right of the trustee or the holders to declare the principal, premium and interest with respect to such series of debt securities to be due and payable; and

additional terms not inconsistent with the provisions of the applicable indenture.

One or more series of debt securities may be sold at a substantial discount below their stated principal amount, bearing no interest or interest at a rate which at the time of issuance is below market rates. One or more series of debt securities may be variable rate debt securities that may be exchanged for fixed rate debt securities. Any special US federal income and Australian income tax considerations applicable to any series of debt securities due to its particular terms will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement or term sheet.

Debt securities may be issued where the amount of principal and/or interest payable is determined by reference to:

the price of one or more commodities, derivatives or securities;

one or more securities, derivatives or commodities exchange indices or other indices;

a currency or currencies (including any currency unit or units) other than the currency in which such debt securities are issued or other factors; or

any other variable or the relationship between any variables or combination of variables.

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Holders of such debt securities may receive a principal amount or a payment of interest that is greater than or less than the amount of principal or interest otherwise payable on such dates, depending upon the value of the applicable currencies, commodities, securities, derivatives, indices or other factors. Information as to the methods for determining the amount of principal or interest, if any, payable on any date, the currencies, commodities, securities, derivatives, indices or other factors to which the amount payable on such date is linked and certain additional US federal income and Australian tax consequences and special considerations applicable to any series will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement or term sheet.

The term "debt securities" includes debt securities denominated in U.S. dollars or, if specified in the applicable prospectus supplement or term sheet, in any other freely transferable currency or units based on or relating to foreign currencies.

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement or term sheet, the debt securities will be issued in fully registered form without coupons and in denominations of \$1,000 and any integral multiple of \$1,000. (Section 3.2 of each indenture.) Subject to the limitations provided in the indentures and in the prospectus supplement or term sheet, debt securities which are issued in registered form may be registered, transferred or exchanged at the principal corporate trust office of the trustee or at the office or agency that we will maintain for such purpose in the Borough of Manhattan, The City of New York, without the payment of any service charge, other than any tax or other governmental charge payable in connection with the registration or transfer or exchange. (Sections 3.5 and 9.2 of each indenture.)

Westpac may issue debt securities of any series in whole or in part in definitive form or in the form of one or more global debt securities as described below under "Global Securities." Westpac may issue debt securities of a series at different times. In addition, Westpac may issue debt securities within a series with terms different from the terms of other debt securities of that series. (Section 3.1(c) of each indenture.)

Subject to applicable law, Westpac or any of its affiliates may at any time purchase or repurchase debt securities of any series in any manner and at any price. Debt securities of any series purchased by Westpac or any of its affiliates may be held or surrendered by the purchaser of the debt securities for cancellation or may be resold.

Global Securities

We expect the following provisions to apply to all debt securities.

Westpac may issue the debt securities of a series in whole or in part in the form of one or more global securities that will be deposited with, or on behalf of, a depository identified in the prospectus supplement or term sheet. Westpac will issue global securities in registered form and in either temporary or definitive form. Unless and until it is exchanged in whole or in part for the individual debt securities, a global security may not be transferred except as a whole by the depository for such global security to a nominee of such depository or by a nominee of such depository to such depository or another nominee of such depository or by such depository or any such nominee to a successor of such depository or a nominee of such successor. (Section 2.4 of each indenture.)

The specific terms of the depository arrangement with respect to any debt securities of a series and the rights of and limitations upon owners of beneficial interests in a global security will be described in the prospectus supplement or term sheet. We expect that the following provisions will generally apply to depository arrangements.

Upon the issuance of a global security, the depository for such global security or its nominee will credit, on its book-entry registration and transfer system, the respective principal amounts of the individual debt securities represented by such global security to the accounts of persons that have accounts with such depository. Such accounts shall be designated by the dealers, underwriters or agents

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with respect to the debt securities or by us if such debt securities are offered and sold directly by us. Ownership of beneficial interests in a global security will be limited to persons that have accounts with the applicable depository, who are referred to in this prospectus as participants, or persons that may hold interests through participants. Ownership of beneficial interests in such global security will be shown on, and the transfer of that ownership will be effected only through, records maintained by the applicable depository or its nominee with respect to interests of participants and the records of participants with respect to interests of persons other than participants. The laws of some states require that certain purchasers of securities take physical delivery of such securities in definitive form. Such limits and such laws may impair the ability to transfer beneficial interests in a global security.

So long as the depository for a global security, or its nominee, is the registered owner of a global security, such depository or such nominee, as the case may be, will be considered the sole owner or holder of the debt securities represented by that global security for all purposes under the indenture governing those debt securities. Except as provided below, owners of beneficial interests in a global security will not be entitled to have any of the individual debt securities of the series represented by that global security registered in their names, will not receive or be entitled to receive physical delivery of any debt securities of such series in definitive form and will not be considered the owners or holders thereof under the indenture governing such debt securities.

Payments of principal, premium, if any, and interest, if any, on individual debt securities represented by a global security registered in the name of a depository or its nominee will be made to the depository or its nominee, as the case may be, as the registered owner of the global security representing the debt securities. None of Westpac, the trustee for the debt securities, any paying agent, the registrar or any underwriter or agent for the debt securities will have any responsibility or liability for any aspect of the records relating to or payments made by the depository or any participants on account of beneficial ownership interests in the global security for the debt securities or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records relating to such beneficial ownership interests.

We expect that the depository for a series of debt securities or its nominee, upon receipt of any payment of principal, premium or interest in respect of a permanent global security representing the debt securities, will immediately credit participants' accounts with payments in amounts proportionate to their respective beneficial interests in the principal amount of such global security for the debt securities as shown on the records of the depository or its nominee. We also expect that payments by participants to owners of beneficial interests in a global security held through such participants will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is now the case with securities held for the accounts of customers in bearer form or registered in "street name". Such payments will be the responsibility of such participants.

If the depository for a series of debt securities notifies us at any time that it is unwilling, unable or ineligible to continue as depository and a successor depository is not appointed by us within 90 days, Westpac will issue definitive debt securities of that series in exchange for the global security or securities representing that series of debt securities. In addition, we may at any time and in our sole discretion, subject to any limitations described in the prospectus supplement or term sheet relating to the debt securities, determine not to have any debt securities of a series represented by one or more global securities, and, in such event, will issue definitive debt securities of that series in exchange for the global security or securities representing that series of debt securities. If definitive debt securities are issued, an owner of a beneficial interest in a global security will be entitled to physical delivery of definitive debt securities of the series represented by that global security equal in principal amount to that beneficial interest and to have the debt securities registered in its name. Definitive debt securities of any series so issued will be issued in denominations, unless otherwise specified by us in the applicable prospectus supplement or term sheet, of \$1,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof.

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Payment of Additional Amounts

Each indenture provides that Westpac will pay all amounts that it is required to pay in respect of the debt securities without withholding or deduction for, or on account of, any present or future taxes, duties, assessments or other governmental charges imposed or levied by or on behalf of Australia or any political subdivision or taxing authority thereof or therein, unless such withholding or deduction is required by law. In that event, Westpac will pay such additional amounts as may be necessary so that the net amount received by the holder of the debt securities, after such withholding or deduction, will equal the amount that the holder would have received in respect of the debt securities without such withholding or deduction. However, as described below, both the senior indenture and the subordinated indenture provide that, under certain circumstances, Westpac will not pay additional amounts.

The senior indenture provides that Westpac will pay no additional amounts in respect of senior debt securities for or on account of:

any tax, duty, assessment or other governmental charge that would not have been imposed but for the fact that the holder, or the beneficial owner, of the senior debt securities was a resident, domiciliary or national of, or engaged in business or maintained a permanent establishment or was physically present in, Australia or any political subdivision or taxing authority thereof or therein or otherwise had some connection with Australia or any political subdivision or taxing authority thereof or therein other than merely holding such senior debt securities, or receiving payments under such senior debt securities;

any tax, duty, assessment or other governmental charge that would not have been imposed but for the fact that the holder of the senior debt securities presented such senior debt securities for payment in Australia, unless the holder was required to present such senior debt securities for payment and they could not have been presented for payment anywhere else;

any tax, duty, assessment or other governmental charge that would not have been imposed but for the fact that the holder of the senior debt securities presented such senior debt securities for payment more than 30 days after the date such payment became due and was provided for, whichever is later, except to the extent that the holder would have been entitled to the additional amounts on presenting such senior debt securities for payment on any day during that 30 day period;

any estate, inheritance, gift, sale, transfer, personal property or similar tax, duty, assessment or other governmental charge;

any tax, duty, assessment or other governmental charge which is payable otherwise than by withholding or deduction;

any tax, duty, assessment or other governmental charge that would not have been imposed if the holder, or the beneficial owner, of the senior debt securities complied with Westpac's request to provide information concerning his, her or its nationality, residence or identity or to make a declaration, claim or filing or satisfy any requirement for information or reporting that is required to establish the eligibility of the holder, or the beneficial owner, of such senior debt securities to receive the relevant payment without (or at a reduced rate of) withholding or deduction for or on account of any such tax, duty, assessment or other governmental charge;

any tax, duty, assessment or other governmental charge that would not have been imposed but for the holder, or the beneficial owner, of the senior debt securities being an associate of Westpac for purposes of section 128F of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1936 of Australia, which we refer to as the Australian Tax Act (other than in the capacity of a clearing house, paying agent, custodian, funds manager or responsible entity of a registered managed investment scheme under the Australian Corporations Act);

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any tax, duty, assessment or other governmental charge that is imposed or withheld as a consequence of a determination having been made under Part IVA of the Australian Tax Act (or any modification thereof or provision substituted therefor) by the Australian Commissioner of Taxation that such tax, duty, assessment or other governmental charge is payable in circumstances where the holder, or the beneficial owner, of such senior debt securities is a party to or participated in a scheme to avoid such tax which Westpac was not a party to;

any tax, duty, assessment or other governmental charge that is imposed pursuant to European Council Directive 2003/48/EC, which we refer to as the Directive, or any law implementing or complying with, or introduced in order to conform to, the Directive, or any agreement entered into by a Member State of the European Union with (A) any other state or (B) any relevant, dependent or associated territory of any Member State of the European Union providing for measures equivalent to, or the same as those provided for by the Directive;

any tax, duty, assessment or other governmental charge arising under or in connection with Sections 1471 to 1474 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, which we refer to as the Code (we refer to these sections of the Code including any regulations or official interpretations issued, agreements entered into or non-U.S. laws enacted with respect thereto, as FATCA); or

any combination of the foregoing.

The subordinated indenture provides that Westpac will pay no additional amounts in respect of subordinated debt securities:

to the extent that the relevant tax is imposed or levied by virtue of the holder, or the beneficial owner, of the subordinated debt securities having some connection (whether present, past or future) with Australia or any political subdivision or authority of or in Australia, other than being a holder, or the beneficial owner, of the subordinated debt securities;

to the extent that the relevant tax is imposed or levied by virtue of the holder, or the beneficial owner, of the subordinated debt securities not complying with any statutory requirements or not having made a declaration of non-residence in, or other lack of connection with, Australia or any political subdivision or authority of or in Australia or any similar claim for exemption, if Westpac or its agent has provided the holder, or the beneficial owner, of the subordinated debt securities with at least 60 days' prior written notice of an opportunity to comply with such statutory requirements or make a declaration or claim;

to the extent that the relevant tax is imposed or levied by virtue of the holder, or the beneficial owner, of the subordinated debt securities having presented for payment more than 30 days after the date on which the payment in respect of the subordinated debt securities first became due and payable, except to the extent that the holder, or the beneficial owner, of the subordinated debt securities would have been entitled to such additional amounts if the holder or beneficial owner had presented the subordinated debt securities for payment on any day within such 30-day period;

to the extent that the relevant tax is imposed or levied by virtue of the holder, or the beneficial owner, of the subordinated debt securities having presented the subordinated debt securities for payment in Australia, unless the subordinated debt securities could not have been presented for payment elsewhere; or

to the extent that the relevant tax is imposed or levied by virtue of the holder, or the beneficial owner, of the subordinated debt securities being an associate of Westpac for purposes of Section 128F(6) of the Australian Tax Act.

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In addition, both the senior indenture and the subordinated indenture provide that additional amounts will also not be payable by Westpac with respect to any payment on any debt security to any holder who is a fiduciary or partnership or other than the sole beneficial owner of such payment to the extent that payment would, under the laws of Australia or any political subdivision or taxing authority thereof or therein, be treated as being derived or received for tax purposes by a beneficiary or settler of that fiduciary or member of that partnership or a beneficial owner, in each case, who would not have been entitled to those additional amounts had it been the actual holder of such debt securities. (Section 9.8 of each indenture.)

If, as a result of Westpac's consolidation or merger with or into an entity organized under the laws of a country other than Australia or a political subdivision of a country other than Australia or the sale, conveyance or transfer by Westpac of all or substantially all its assets to such an entity, such an entity assumes the obligations of Westpac under the indentures and the debt securities, such entity will pay additional amounts on the same basis as described above, except that references to "Australia" (other than in the exception applicable in the event the holder or beneficial owner of the debt securities is an associate of Westpac for purposes of section 128F(6) of the Australian Tax Act) will be treated as references to both Australia and the country in which such entity is organized or resident (or deemed resident for tax purposes). (Section 7.1 of each indenture.)

Westpac, and any other person to or through which any payment with respect to the senior debt securities may be made, shall be entitled to withhold or deduct from any payment with respect to such senior debt securities amounts required to be withheld or deducted under or in connection with FATCA, and holders and beneficial owners of such senior debt securities shall not be entitled to receive any gross up or other additional amounts on account of any such withholding or deduction.

Redemption of Debt Securities

General

If the debt securities of a series provide for redemption at Westpac's election, unless otherwise provided in the applicable prospectus supplement or term sheet and except as described below under "Redemption for Taxation Reasons", such redemption shall be on not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' notice and, in the event of redemption in part, the debt securities to be redeemed will be selected by the trustee by such method as it shall deem fair and appropriate. Notice of such redemption will be mailed to holders of debt securities of such series to their last addresses as they appear on the register of the debt securities of such series. (Sections 1.6, 10.3 and 10.4 of each indenture.)

Redemption for Taxation Reasons

The senior indenture provides that Westpac may, at its option, redeem all, but not less than all, of any series of senior debt securities if:

there is a change in or any amendment to the laws or regulations: (i) of Australia, or any political subdivision or taxing authority thereof or therein, or (ii) in the event of a merger or consolidation of Westpac with or into an entity organized under the laws of a country other than Australia or a political subdivision of a country other than Australia or the sale, conveyance or transfer of all or substantially all its assets to such entity and such entity assumes the obligations of Westpac under the senior indenture and the senior debt securities, of Australia or the country in which such entity is organized or resident or deemed resident for tax purposes or any political subdivision or taxing authority thereof or therein, or

there is a change in any application or interpretation of any such laws or regulations,

which change or amendment becomes effective,

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with respect to taxes imposed by Australia or any political subdivision or taxing authority thereof or therein, on or after the date Westpac originally issued the senior debt securities to be redeemed, or

in the event of a merger or consolidation of Westpac with or into an entity organized under the laws of a country other than Australia or a political subdivision of a country other than Australia or the sale, conveyance or transfer of all or substantially all its assets to such entity and such entity assumes the obligations of Westpac under the senior indenture and the senior debt securities, with respect to taxes imposed by a non-Australian jurisdiction, on or after the date of the transaction resulting in such assumption,

and, in each case, as a result of such change or amendment (1) Westpac (or such entity) is or will become obligated to pay any additional amounts as may be necessary so that the net amount received by a holder of senior debt securities, after withholding or deducting any tax, duty, assessment or other governmental charge, will equal the amount that such holder would have received in respect of the senior debt securities without such withholding or deduction (provided that Westpac provides to the trustee an opinion of independent legal advisors of recognized standing to the effect that Westpac is or will become obligated to pay such additional amounts on such senior debt securities as a result of such change or amendment) or (2) Westpac (or such entity) would not be entitled to claim a deduction in computing its taxation liabilities in respect of (A) any payments of interest or such additional amounts or (B) any original issue discount on such senior debt securities.

Before Westpac (or such entity) redeems any senior debt securities for taxation reasons, it must give the holders of those senior debt securities at least 30 days' written notice and not more than 60 days' written notice of its intention to redeem those senior debt securities, provided that if the earliest date on which (i) Westpac (or such entity) will be obligated to pay any additional amounts necessary so that the net amount received by the holder of the senior debt securities, after the withholding or deduction of any present or future taxes, duties, assessments or other governmental charges imposed or levied by or on behalf of Australia or any political subdivision or taxing authority thereof or therein (unless such withholding or deduction is required by law), will equal the amount that such holder would have received in respect of the senior debt securities without such withholding or deduction, or (ii) Westpac would not be entitled to claim a deduction in respect of any payments of interest or such additional amounts on or any original issue discount in respect of senior debt securities in computing its taxation liabilities, would occur less than 45 days after the relevant change or amendment to the applicable laws, regulations, determinations or guidelines, Westpac may give less than 30 days' written notice but in no case less than 15 days' written notice, provided it gives such notice as soon as practicable in all the circumstances.

If Westpac (or such entity) redeems senior debt securities for taxation reasons, the redemption price for senior debt securities to be redeemed shall equal 100% of the principal amount of the senior debt securities to be redeemed plus accrued but unpaid interest to but excluding the date of redemption. However, if the senior debt securities to be redeemed are outstanding original issue discount securities, such senior debt securities shall be redeemed at the redemption price calculated in accordance with the terms thereof (Section 10.8 of the senior indenture).

The subordinated indenture provides that Westpac will have the right, after receipt of prior written approval by APRA, if approval is then required, to redeem a series of subordinated debt securities in whole, but not in part, at any time within 90 days following the occurrence of a tax event, which is defined below, with respect to such series of subordinated debt securities; *provided, however*, that, if at the time there is available to Westpac the opportunity to eliminate, within the 90-day period, the risk that any payment on the subordinated debt securities is, or will be, subject to such withholding or deduction by taking some ministerial action, such as filing a form or making an election, or pursuing some other similar reasonable measure that in Westpac's sole judgment has or will cause no adverse

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effect on Westpac or any of Westpac's subsidiaries or affiliates and will involve no material cost, Westpac will pursue that measure in lieu of redemption. "Tax event" means that Westpac has requested and received an opinion of competent tax counsel to the effect that there has been:

an amendment to, change in or announced proposed change in the laws, or regulations under those laws, of Australia or any political subdivision or authority thereof or therein;

a judicial decision interpreting, applying or clarifying those laws or regulations;

an administrative pronouncement or action that represents an official position, including a clarification of an official position, of the governmental authority or regulatory body making the administrative pronouncement or taking any action; or

a threatened challenge asserted in connection with an audit of Westpac, or any of its subsidiaries, or a threatened challenge asserted in writing against any other taxpayer that has raised capital through the issuance of securities that are substantially similar to such series of debt securities,

which amendment or change is adopted or which proposed change, decision or pronouncement is announced or which action, clarification or challenge occurs on or after, with respect to taxes imposed by Australia or any political subdivision thereof or therein, the date of the applicable prospectus supplement or such term sheet, and, in the event of the assumption pursuant to the subordinated indenture of the obligations of Westpac by a successor person organized under the laws of a jurisdiction other than Australia (or any political subdivision thereof), with respect to taxes imposed by a non-Australian jurisdiction, the date of the transaction resulting in such assumption, in each case following which there is more than an insubstantial risk that any payment on such series of subordinated debt securities is, or will be, subject to withholding or deduction in respect of any taxes, assessments or other governmental charges.

If Westpac (or such entity) redeems subordinated debt securities in these circumstances, the subordinated debt securities of any series may be redeemed, in whole but not in part, at the redemption price specified in the subordinated debt security for such series and the applicable prospectus supplement or term sheet. (Section 10.8 of the subordinated indenture.)

Events of Default, Notice and Waiver

Senior Debt Securities

The senior indenture provides that, if an event of default in respect of any series of senior debt securities shall have occurred and be continuing, either the trustee or the holders of not less than 33¹/₃% in principal amount of the outstanding senior debt securities of that series may declare the principal amount (or a portion thereof in the case of certain senior debt securities issued with original issue discount) of all the senior debt securities of that series to be due and payable immediately, by written notice to Westpac (and by written notice to the trustee if given by the holders). The consequence of this action is that the principal amount of the senior debt securities shall be immediately due and payable by Westpac. (Section 5.2 of the senior indenture.)

The senior indenture defines events of default in respect of any series of senior debt securities as:

Westpac fails to pay interest or any additional amount on any senior debt security of such series or any coupon appertaining thereto when due and payable and such failure continues for a period of 30 days;

Westpac fails to pay the principal of, or any premium on, any senior debt security of such series when due and payable and such failure continues for a period of 15 days;

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Westpac fails to perform for a period of 60 days after written notice to Westpac by the trustee or to Westpac and the trustee by the holders of not less than 33¹/₃% in principal amount of the outstanding senior debt securities of such series any material covenant or warranty in such indenture (other than those listed in the first and second bullets above, the last bullet below or any other covenant which has been expressly included in the senior indenture solely for the benefit of any series of senior debt securities other than that series) in respect of the senior debt securities of such series;

Westpac commences a voluntary case or proceeding under any applicable law involving any winding-up of Westpac;

Westpac consents to the entry of a decree or order for relief in an involuntary case or proceeding under applicable law involving a winding-up of Westpac or to the commencement of any such case or proceeding against Westpac;

Westpac files a petition or answer or consent seeking a decree or order for relief or consents to the filing of such a petition in a proceeding in connection with a winding-up of a Westpac;

the entry of a decree or order by a court of competent jurisdiction, which is not successfully appealed within 60 days, for relief involving or resulting in the winding-up of Westpac;

specified events, including the entry of a decree or order by a court of competent jurisdiction appointing a custodian, receiver, liquidator or other similar official of We