

WESTPAC BANKING CORP  
Form 6-K  
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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20549

FORM 6-K

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

**July 8, 2016**

**Commission File Number 1-10167**

WESTPAC BANKING CORPORATION

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

275 KENT STREET, SYDNEY, NEW SOUTH WALES 2000, AUSTRALIA

(Address of principal executive office)

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**Incorporation by reference**

The information set forth in this Report on Form 6-K, excluding the information set forth in Exhibit No. 1, supplements the information set forth in our Annual Report on Form 20-F for the year ended September 30, 2015 under (i) the heading "Failure to maintain credit ratings could adversely affect our cost of funds, liquidity, competitive position and access to capital markets" in the section entitled "Risk and risk management Risk factors Risks relating to our business" and (ii) paragraph 22.3.2 "Sources of Liquidity Credit Ratings" in Note 22 to the financial statements, and shall be incorporated by reference in the prospectus relating to the Registrant's debt securities contained in the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form F-3 (File No. 333-207931), as such prospectus may be amended or supplemented from time to time.

**Standard and Poor's Revises Australia's Outlook to Negative with a similar impact on the outlook for the major Australian Banks ratings**

On July 7, 2016, Standard and Poor's announced that, as a result of its change to Australia's sovereign rating outlook, the long-term and short-term issuer rating outlooks for the Australian major banks, including Westpac, were revised to negative from stable.

**Index to Exhibits**

**Exhibit**

| <b>No.</b> | <b>Description</b>   |
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| 1          | Westpac statement: Standard and Poor's Revises Australia's Outlook to Negative with a similar impact on the outlook for the major Australian Banks ratings |

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

WESTPAC BANKING CORPORATION  
(Registrant)

Date: July 8, 2016

By: /s/ Sean Crellin

Sean Crellin  
Director Corporate, Legal and  
Secretariat

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