

Appendix 3C

Announcement of buy-back (*except* minimum holding buy-back)

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Introduced 1/9/99. Origin: Appendix 7B. Amended 13/3/2000, 30/9/2001.

Name of entity

Westpac Banking Corporation

ABN

33 007 457 141

We (the entity) give ASX the following information.

Information about buy-back

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| 1 | Type of buy-back | Selective buy-back on equal access buy-back conditions (as modified) |
| 2 | *Class of shares which is the subject of the buy-back (<i>eg, ordinary/preference</i>) | Ordinary |
| 3 | Voting rights (<i>eg, one for one</i>) | One for one |
| 4 | Fully paid/partly paid (<i>and if partly paid, details of how much has been paid and how much is outstanding</i>) | Fully paid |
| 5 | Number of shares in the *class on issue | 1,802,429,795 |
| 6 | Whether shareholder approval is required for buy-back | No |
| 7 | Reason for buy-back | To allow the Company to maintain an efficient capital structure |

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- 8 Any other information material to a shareholder's decision whether to accept the offer (*eg, details of any proposed takeover bid*)

Nil other than the Booklet to be lodged with ASX prior to despatch to shareholders

On-market buy-back

- 9 Name of broker who will act on the company's behalf

- 10 Deleted 30/9/2001.

- 11 If the company intends to buy back a maximum number of shares - that number

Note: This requires a figure to be included, not a percentage.

- 12 If the company intends to buy back shares within a period of time - that period of time; if the company intends that the buy-back be of unlimited duration - that intention

- 13 If the company intends to buy back shares if conditions are met - those conditions

Employee share scheme buy-back

- 14 Number of shares proposed to be bought back

- 15 Price to be offered for shares

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Selective buy-back

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| 16 | Name of person or description of class of person whose shares are proposed to be bought back | |
| 17 | Number of shares proposed to be bought back | |
| 18 | Price to be offered for shares | |

Equal access scheme

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|----|---|--|
| 19 | Percentage of shares proposed to be bought back | Approximately 2% |
| 20 | Total number of shares proposed to be bought back if all offers are accepted | Approximately 40 million |
| 21 | Price to be offered for shares | The price will be determined by a tender process within a range from \$14.00 to \$18.00 |
| 22 | *Record date for participation in offer

<small>Cross reference: Appendix 7A, clause 9.</small> | 18 May 2004 |

Compliance statement

1. The company is in compliance with all Corporations Act requirements relevant to this buy-back.
2. There is no information that the listing rules require to be disclosed that has not already been disclosed, or is not contained in, or attached to, this form.

Sign here: Date:
(Director/Company secretary)

Print name:

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