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Preliminary Pricing Supplement No. 8 - Dated Monday, July 25, 2011 (To: Prospectus Dated March 2, 2011)

CUSIP Number	Principal Amount	Selling Price	Gross Concession	Net Proceeds	Coupon Type	Coupon Rate	Coupon Frequency	Day Count Basis	Maturity Date	1st Coupon Date	1st Coupon Amount	Survivors Option	FDIC Guarant
96121BAH0	\$ 100.000%		0.950%	\$	Fixed	2.250%	Monthly	30/360	02/15/2016	09/15/2011	\$2.56	Yes	No

Redemption Information: Non-Callable

Trade Date: Monday, August 1, 2011 @ 12:00 PM ET

Settle Date: Thursday, August 4, 2011

Westpac Banking Corporation

Minimum Denomination/Increments:\$1,000.00/\$1,000.00

Initial trades settle flat and clear SDFS: DTC Book Entry only

Joint Lead Managers and Lead Agents: BofA Merrill Lynch, Incapital LLC **Agents:** Citi, Deutsche Bank Securities, Goldman, Sachs &

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