

## news release

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## FEDERAL COURT APPROVES MERGER OF WESTPAC AND ST.GEORGE

The Federal Court has today given its approval to the Share Scheme for the merger of Westpac and St.George, and has also approved the SAINTS Scheme and Option Scheme.

The Court orders approving the Schemes will be lodged with ASIC later today, following which the Schemes will become effective. A further announcement will be made once that occurs.

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