

## **Exclusive: BOQs Group Executive IT & Operations heads to Westpac New Zealand**

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Westpac New Zealand (Westpac NZ) has secured one of Australia's leading IT executives to head up its Customer and Technology Services department. Jim Stabback, Bank of Queensland's Group Executive, IT and Operations will join Westpac NZ as the division's General Manager. The move is effective in March.

The appointment is a coup for Westpac NZ, with Bank of Queensland regarded as one of Australia's largest regional banks.

FST Media learned that Mr Stabback will replace long-time Westpac technology executive, David Boyes. A Westpac NZ spokesperson confirmed Mr Boyes left the bank late last year.

Meanwhile, Mr Stabback said the move represents a strong career opportunity. "I will be overseeing about 1000 people and reporting directly to Westpac New Zealand's Chief Executive Officer, George Frazis."

Chris Nilon, former General Manager of Technology at BOQ, will replace Mr Stabback as Group Executive, IT and Operations, following a transition period which began several weeks ago.