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February 12, 2001

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D

Under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934

(Amendment No. 2)

THE FIRST AUSTRALIA FUND, INC.

(Name of Issuer)

COMMON STOCK (\$.01 PAR VALUE)

(Title of Class of Securities)

318652104

(CUSIP Number)

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JANUARY 18, 2001

(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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SCHEDULE 13D

CUSIP NO. 318652104

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON: Mira, L.P.

S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON:

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*

(a)

(b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS*

WC

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION: Delaware

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| NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH | 7 | SOLE VOTING POWER 0 |
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| 8 | SHARED VOTING POWER 5,317,461 |
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| 9 | SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 0 |
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| 10 | SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 5,317,461 |
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11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON
5,317,461

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

30.1 %

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

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(INCLUDING EXHIBITS) OF THE SCHEDULE, AND THE SIGNATURE ATTESTATION.

SCHEDULE 13D

CUSIP NO. 592835102

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON: Zurich Capital Markets Inc.

S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*

(a)

(b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS*

Not applicable - indirect beneficial ownership

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION: Delaware

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| NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH | 7 | SOLE VOTING POWER 0 |
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13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)
 30.1%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*
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Schedule 13D

This Amendment No. 1 to Schedule 13D is filed on behalf of Mira, L.P. ("Mira") and Zurich Capital Markets Inc. ("ZCMI") to amend and supplement Items 3, 4, 5 and 6 of the Schedule 13D relating to shares of the Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share (the "Common Stock"), of The First Australia Fund, Inc. (the "Fund") as originally filed on December 7, 1999 and as amended by Amendment No. 1 thereto filed on November 15, 2000. All capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Schedule 13D, as amended. Items not included in this amendment are either not amended or are not applicable.

1. Items 3 and 6 of the Schedule 13D are hereby amended by adding thereto the following:

On January 18, 2001, Mira acquired an aggregate of 2,742,461 shares of Common Stock from Equitilink Holdings Limited, Equitlink Limited, Equitilink International Management Limited and Equitilink U.S.A., Inc. (collectively, the "Sellers"), pursuant to the Stock Purchase Agreement dated as of November 10, 2000 by and between Mira and the Sellers. The aggregate purchase price paid by Mira for the aforementioned shares of Common Stock was \$16,891,914.28. Mira paid the purchase price from its working capital.

Except as specified herein, neither of the Reporting Persons nor, to the knowledge of the Reporting Persons, any of the persons named in Item 2 has any contract, arrangement, understanding or relationship with any other person with respect to any security of the Fund.

2. Item 4 of the Schedule 13D is hereby amended by adding thereto the following:

The 2,742,461 shares of Common Stock described in Item 3 were acquired for investment purposes.

3. Item 5 of the Schedule 13D is hereby amended by adding thereto the following:

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(a) Mira beneficially owns an aggregate of 5,317,461 shares of Common Stock, constituting approximately 30.1% of the shares of Common Stock outstanding, and ZCMI, as the general partner of Mira, may be deemed to beneficially own an aggregate of 5,317,461 shares of Common Stock, constituting approximately 30.1% of the shares of Common Stock outstanding (computed on the basis of 17,189,998 shares of Common Stock outstanding as of October 31, 2000 as reported in the Fund's Annual Report to the SEC on Form N-30D for the year ended October 31, 2000). Stephen J. Lerner, a director and executive vice president of ZCMI, beneficially owns 35,182 shares of Common Stock, constituting approximately .2% of the shares of Common Stock outstanding (computed on the same basis as described in the preceding sentence).

(b) The power to vote and dispose of the 5,317,461 shares of Common Stock is held directly by Mira and shared by Mira and ZCMI, as the general partner of Mira. Mr. Lerner has sole power to vote and dispose of the 35,182 shares of Common Stock which he beneficially owns.

(c) Between January 8, 2001 and January 18, 2001, Mira purchased shares of Common Stock on the open market. The transaction dates, number of shares of Common Stock purchased and prices per share during that period are set forth on Exhibit A attached hereto. Except as described on Exhibit A and in Item 3, there have been no transactions of shares of Common Stock effected within the past 60 days by Mira, ZCMI or, to the knowledge of the Reporting Persons, Mr. Lerner.

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete, and correct.

Date: February 9, 2001

MIRA, L.P.

By: Zurich Capital Markets Inc.
Its: General Partner

By: /s/ RANDALL K.C. KAU

Name: Randall K.C. Kau
Title: President

ZURICH CAPITAL MARKETS INC.

By: /s/ RANDALL K.C. KAU

Name: Randall K.C. Kau
Title: President

EXHIBIT A

| DATE OF TRANSACTION ----- | SHARES OF COMMON STOCK PURCHASED ----- | PRICE PER SHARE ----- |
|------------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| January 8, 2001 | 6,000 | 6.1875 |
| January 8, 2001 | 21,800 | 6.125 |
| January 10, 2001 | 2,000 | 6.1875 |
| January 11, 2001 | 25,000 | 6.125 |
| January 12, 2001 | 1,900 | 6.125 |
| January 16, 2001 | 10,000 | 6.125 |
| January 16, 2001 | 2,500 | 6.1875 |
| January 17, 2001 | 3,300 | 6.25 |
| January 17, 2001 | 57,000 | 6.1875 |
| January 18, 2001 | 10,000 | 6.125 |