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BINDING COMMITMENTS RECEIVED FOR QIC-LED $65M CAPITAL RAISING

Austral fully funded for meaningful acceleration in copper production and exploration

Highlights:

- Binding commitments received for Placement to raise $65 million at $0.09 per share
- The Placement has been cornerstoned by the QIC Critical Minerals and Battery Technology Fund which has committed to $15 million in the Placement
- The transaction received strong support from high-quality new and existing domestic and international institutional investors
- Eligible existing shareholders will be able to participate in the capital raising via a non-underwritten SPP targeting $5 million at the same offer price as the Placement
- Proceeds from the Placement will be applied to fund an acceleration in copper production and production capability at both Rocklands and Mt Kelly, and to fund exploration at the Lady Annie pit extension as well as for general working capital
- On completion of the Lady Loretta acquisition and the Placement, Austral will be debt-free with ~$97m cash in hand

Austral Resources Australia Ltd (**ASX:AR1**) ("**Austral**" or the "**Company**") is pleased to announce that it has received binding commitments to raise $65 million via a two-tranche placement of approximately 722.2 million fully paid ordinary shares ("**New Shares**") to institutional and sophisticated investors ("**Placement**").

The Placement has been cornerstoned by QBF No. 1 Pty Ltd (ACN 051 675 033) as trustee of the QIC Critical Minerals and Battery Technology Fund ("**QCMBTF**"), which has entered into a subscription agreement ("**Share Subscription Agreement**") to invest $15 million via the Placement, settling entirely in Tranche 2. The QCMBTF commitment is conditional upon, among other things, the Company receiving binding commitments for the Placement for at least $40 million and shareholder approval prior to settlement of Tranche 2. QCMBTF is managed by the Queensland Investment Corporation ("**QIC**"). Further details in relation to the Share Subscription Agreement will be provided in the Prospectus (defined below).

Tranche 1 of the Placement comprising of 424,702,100 Shares will raise $38,223,189. The Tranche 1 shares represent Austral's maximum limit available under the ASX Listing Rules. Additionally, Austral has received binding commitments for the balance of Tranche 2 from new and existing shareholders of Austral and is subject to shareholder approval.

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Following the completion of the Lady Loretta acquisition (subject to shareholder approval) and Placement, and subsequent repayment of the Glencore Loan Facility from the proceeds of the Lady Loretta transaction, Austral will be debt-free and enjoy strong financial flexibility with ~$97m cash in hand.

In addition to the Placement, the Company is seeking to recognise and reward its current shareholder base by undertaking a shareholder priority offer ("**SPP**") targeting to raise a maximum of $5 million. Shares will be offered under the SPP to existing eligible shareholders at the same price as under the Placement, being $0.09 per share.

Austral's Chairman, David Newling, commented:
"We are extremely grateful for the support of QIC and the Queensland Government. We take our responsibilities as a steward of the Mt Isa / Cloncurry region very seriously, and hence we share a vision for the ongoing support of the local community in the areas where we operate."

"More broadly, it was rewarding to see such strong support for this Placement from a wide range of investors. Our sincere thanks to all who have played a role in our recent success. Today marks a really meaningful transition point, as for the first time in many years this business is strongly funded to aggressively pursue exploration and development activities across our exciting copper portfolio. We are confident that this capital will be well-managed, and that it will drive growth in copper production, and accordingly, will also materially impact shareholder value. We are excited to see this journey play out."

Details of the Placement

A total of approximately 722.2 million New Shares will be issued to raise $65 million pursuant to the Placement. New Shares issued under the Placement will be issued at a price per share of $0.09 ("**Offer Price**").

The Placement will be completed as follows:

- **Tranche 1:** 424.7 million New Shares to raise A$38.2 million, utilising the Company's placement capacity under ASX Listing Rules 7.1 (254,821,236 shares) and 7.1A (169,880,864 shares).
- **Tranche 2:** 297.5 million New Shares to raise A$26.8 million, including QCMBTF's investment of 166.7 million New Shares to raise A$15 million. Tranche 2 will be subject to shareholder approval at a general meeting ("**GM**") to be held on or around 27 March 2026, with QCMBTF's investment also subject to conventional conditions precedent (297,520,123 shares).

The Offer Price of $0.09 per share represents a:

- 10.0% discount to the last traded price of $0.10 per share on Friday, 13 February 2026
- 13.4% discount to the 5-day volume-weighted average price ("**VWAP**") of $0.104 per share on Friday, 13 February 2026
- 17.5% discount to the 10-day VWAP of $0.109 per share on Friday, 13 February 2026
- 22.3% discount to the 15-day VWAP of $0.116 per share on Friday, 13 February 2026

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New Shares issued under the Placement will rank equally with the Company's existing fully paid ordinary shares on issue.

Bell Potter Securities Limited and Shaw and Partners Limited are acting as Joint Lead Managers and Joint Bookrunners to the Placement.

The Prospectus also includes a 40 million New Shares under the AES Debt Conversion, subject to future shareholder approval pursuant to Listing Rule 10.11.

Use of Proceeds for Placement

Proceeds of the Placement will be applied to fund acceleration in copper production and production capability at both Rocklands and Mt Kelly including infrastructure, equipment, drilling, care and maintenance, and working capital. The Company has also allocated funds to grow its resource base through potential acquisition.

Funds for drilling will focus on exploration and resource development at Lady Annie and Lady Annie Deeps which will support feed at Mt Kelly in addition to resource definition drilling at Rocklands Underground with further exploration across the Eastern Tenements.

Proceeds from the Placement will be used for the following:

Source of Funds	$M	Use of Funds	A$M
Placement	65.0	Rocklands Power Station refurbishment	4.6
		Barkley Highway upgrade and Rocklands Western access road	2.2
		Exploration on Eastern Tenements	7.4
		Lady Loretta mining lease exploration + resource development	11.3
		Rocklands Underground feasibility study (inc Drill Program)	2.0
		Rocklands care and maintenance costs	8.0
		Rocklands and Lady Annie ancillary equipment acquisitions	18.3
		Working capital & transaction costs	11.2
TOTAL	**65.0**	**TOTAL**	**65.0**

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Details of the SPP

In addition to the Placement, Austral will be undertaking a non-underwritten SPP (shareholder priority offer) targeting to raise a maximum of $5 million (up to 55,555,556 shares). Proceeds raised under the SPP will be used for the same purposes as described above.

Eligible Austral shareholders, being those who have a registered address in Australia and New Zealand (for wholesale investors only) at 7:00pm (AEDT) on Wednesday, 18 February 2026 ("**Record Date**"), will be invited to subscribe for up to $30,000 of fully paid ordinary shares in the Company under the SPP (free of brokerage and transaction costs). The offer price under the SPP is $0.09 per share, which is the same as the Offer Price for the Placement.

As the SPP is not underwritten, the SPP may raise less than $5 million. However, if the Company receives applications for more than $5 million, the Company reserves the right to scale-back applications in accordance with the terms of the SPP. The SPP is subject to shareholder approval at the GM to be held on or around 27 March 2026.

The shares issued under the SPP will rank equally with the Company's existing fully paid ordinary shares on issue. Further details of the SPP are set out in Austral's Prospectus to be dated on or around 19 February 2026 (the "**Prospectus**").

Key Dates

An indicative timetable of key dates in relation to the Placement is set out below:

Indicative dates	
Announcement of Binding Commitments for Placement	Thursday, 19 February 2026
Settlement of Tranche 1 Placement New Shares	Wednesday, 25 February 2026
Allotment of Tranche 1 New Shares	Thursday, 26 February 2026
EGM for Approval of Tranche 2 Placement New Shares	Friday, 27 March 2026
Settlement of Tranche 2 Placement New Shares	Wednesday, 1 April 2026
Allotment of Tranche 2 New Shares	Thursday, 2 April 2026
SPP Timetable	
Record date for determining eligibility for the SPP	7:00pm (Sydney time) Wednesday, 18 February 2026
SPP offer opens	Thursday, 26 February 2026
SPP offer closes	Monday, 23 March 2026
Announce results of SPP	Monday, 30 March 2026
Allotment of SPP shares	Thursday, 2 April 2026

All dates are subject to change and accordingly are indicative only, subject to compliance with the ASX Listing Rules and Corporations Act.

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Further Information

Further details of the Placement and SPP are set out in the Prospectus provided to the ASX. The Prospectus contain important information including key risks and international offer restrictions with respect to the Placement.

This announcement is authorised for market release by the Board of Directors.

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