

Email sent on August 17, 2025

Hi Viren and Nathan,

This email is being sent to you as the points of contact listed at the bottom of Syrah Resources (SYR) ASX announcements. Could you please forward it to all relevant Syrah decision makers on the capital raise. I'm a small Syrah shareholder and just applied for my full entitlement and 100% overs opportunity and am hoping you can encourage other shareholders to do the same before the offer closes on Wednesday, August 20. To that end, could you please arrange for a reminder email to be sent to all shareholders who have signed up for electronic communications on either Monday or Tuesday this week. Below is the email you sent when launching the offer, which would simply need to be modestly reworked as a reminder email. Ideally, this letter would be lodged with the ASX, along with an update in terms of how many shareholders have currently participated and the cumulative applications received 48 hours before the retail offer closes.

I'd also like to thank you for at least offering retail shareholders a 100% overs opportunity in the entitlement offer. This is what I've currently got about your raising on my [public master list](#) summarising all capital raisings above \$20 million by ASX listed companies since 2000:

August 20, 2025: Syrah Resources (SYR): *\$70m raising through a placement and entitlement offer at 26c, a hefty discount to the previous close of 38c. The placement is for \$20m and the \$50m non-renounceable is a 1-for-5.42 with overs capped at 100% of entitlement. Australian Super is the largest holder with 32% and is not participating in the placement but will take up its \$16 million entitlement and has under-written \$30m of the rest which will see it finish with between 30.5% and 39% depending on the take-up by other shareholders. The [under-writing arrangements](#) are interesting with Jarden receiving 1.5% of anything not raised from Australian Super and Australian Super receiving 1% for any stock it picks up through the under-writing. The \$42m accelerated component [saw an 86% take-up rate](#) by existing institutional shareholders for the \$22m entitlement offer component with the [\\$28m retail offer](#) to come. The stock [settled at 29.5c](#) by August 15 giving it a market cap of \$350 million and leaving the 14,685 retail shareholders with a decision to make this week about how much to apply for and whether to go for the full 100% overs component. If you can sell at 29.5c and buy back in at 26c that's a 13.5% margin. Wrote to the company on August 17 requesting a reminder email be sent to retail shareholders before the SPP offer closes on August 20 as don't want Australian Super making easy under-writing money at the expense of diluted retail shareholders through a poorly marketed entitlement offer at a huge discount.*

Once the offer closes, you may have an issue with scaling back retail applications for overs. If there is going to be a scale back, there should ideally be a minimum allocation such as \$500 for all applicants. Here is a [list of 19 examples](#) of capital raisings by ASX listed companies where there was a minimum allocation before a pro-rata scale back was applied. After that, a pro rata allocation based on size of holding is fair. Alternatively, you could choose to favour your smaller and poorer retail shareholders by scaling back based on size of application like the many [companies on this list](#).

Whatever you do, please spell out the scale back formula clearly in the outcome announcement, preferably with a table similar to what QBE Insurance produced in [this 2009 ASX announcement](#).

Finally, in terms of the outcome announcement, please follow the best practice transparency demonstrated by [companies on this list](#). For the avoidance of doubt, here are some words to demonstrate how your announcement might read:

“The Syrah entitlement offer was open to 14,685 shareholders and the company received applications totalling \$35.2 million from 3,567 shareholders. These comprised \$27.2 million in entitlement applications and \$8 million in applications for additional shares up to the cap of 100% of entitlement. A total of 2,364 shareholders applied for additional shares. As the total amount raised exceeded the \$28 million available, the company applied a scale back whereby all applicants for overs received the first \$500 worth of shares they applied for (provided it did not exceed 100% of entitlement) and above that, applicants received 50% of what they applied for, as it detailed in the accompanying table.”

Once again, I would appreciate an acknowledgment that this email has been received and forwarded to the relevant parties and look forward to seeing the ASX outcome announcement along with a reminder email in my inbox on either Monday or Tuesday this week.

I will be commenting about your decision on Twitter, in my next *Intelligent Investor* column (see [previous 200-plus columns](#)) and also will potentially raise the issue at next year's AGM which will hopefully be a more accessible hybrid meeting, unlike the company's current practice of holding dinosaur physical meetings.

If you would like to discuss this matter, feel free to make contact via this email address.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kind regards

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