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# UPGRADE TO BENEFIT LOCAL ENVIRONMENT AND WASTEWATER PLANT

SA Water recently completed an upgrade at the Port Lincoln Wastewater Treatment Plant to improve the plant's operation and the quality of treated wastewater.

SA Water Chief Operating Officer John Ringham said the \$1.5m project to install a stainless steel screen and grit removal plant would improve the performance of the of the existing plant and the quality of the treated wastewater.

"The removal of the grit and debris prior to wastewater treatment is likely to reduce plant maintenance and prevent carryover of the debris entering into the Spencer Gulf," Mr Ringham said.

"We've already noticed since the system began operating at the end of September that a significant amount of grit and debris has been removed.

"A bonus is that the debris free sludge produced as part of the process now has a greater potential to become reuse biosolids, a product proving popular at our Bolivar Wastewater Treatment Plant north of Adelaide.

"Reuse biosolids have the potential to make great fertiliser due to the considerable amount of organic matter and nutrients.

The system is located at the inlet to the Port Lincoln Wastewater Treatment Plant and waste generated from the screening is transported to a disposal site.