A pressure wastewater system is a low cost option for properties that cannot be serviced by a conventional gravity wastewater main. These systems require a small underground retention tank and pump to be installed on the property. Wastewater from the house gravitates to the tank and is then pumped into the wastewater main in the street.

The pumping units are owned, installed and maintained by SA Water.

Payment by property owners
Where a property can be connected to a pressure wastewater system, the owner is required to pay:

- all relevant fees at the time of application
- for the private wastewater drain from the house to the tank (work must be completed by a registered plumber)
- the ongoing power costs associated with operating the pumping unit.

Typical installation