

= So Under Pressure =

" So Under Pressure " is a dance @-@ pop song performed by Australian singer Dannii Minogue . The song was written by Minogue , Terry Ronald and LMC , and produced by Lee Monteverde for Minogue 's fifth album Club Disco (2007) and was also used as the lead single for her greatest hits compilation The Hits & Beyond (2006) . The song 's lyrics discuss the cancer diagnoses of Minogue 's sister Kylie .

The song was released as a single on 12 June 2006 in the United Kingdom . It entered the top forty in Australia , Ireland and the UK and became Minogue 's tenth consecutive Upfront Club Chart number one . The song 's music video , directed by Phil Griffin , features Minogue in a variety of high pressure situations . She has described it as " the hardest video I 've ever done " .

= = Background and reception = =

In 2005 , Minogue began writing and recording material with longtime collaborator Terry Ronald and British dance group LMC . During one of their sessions , they penned " So Under Pressure " , which was inspired by the cancer diagnoses of her sister Kylie as well as that of an unnamed friend . Minogue has described the recording of " So Under Pressure " as a " real achievement " as she was " brave enough to put all [her feelings] into words " . Allmusic reviewer John Lucas called the track one of " Minogue 's more inventive moments " .

= = Chart performance = =

" So Under Pressure " was officially released in the United Kingdom and Ireland on 12 June 2006 . The song debuted on the UK Singles Chart on 19 June 2006 at number twenty . The following week , " So Under Pressure " fell to number sixty and exited the chart in its third week of release . The track became Minogue 's seventh consecutive Upfront Club Chart number one in the UK . In Ireland , the song reached number thirty @-@ one , remaining on the singles chart for one week . " So Under Pressure " proved popular in Irish dance clubs where it reached number six on the Dance Singles Chart .

The track was released in Australia on 29 July 2006 . It debuted on 8 August 2006 at number sixteen and became Minogue 's eighth top twenty single . The song remained on the singles chart for five weeks , exiting on 5 September 2006 . It was the 30th highest selling dance single in Australia for 2006 .

= = Music video = =

The music video was directed by Phil Griffin in mid @-@ 2006 . Minogue described the video :

" I tried to put different things in the video that made me feel under pressure and it really did ! It was the hardest video I've ever done so I kept thinking , why on earth did I come up with this concept ? People don ' t realise but I definitely have that Australian tomboy side to me . I love snakes and sharks and jumping out of planes and stuff . Growing up it never occurred to me that it wasn ' t a girly thing to ride a bike , covered in mud holding frogs and collecting lizards ! " .

The music video 's crew did not believe that Minogue could work with the python , but she said that it did not bother her at all . The music video was released commercially on The Hits & Beyond special edition companion DVD , released in June 2006 .

The video opens with a scene of Minogue in a white room dressed in a black swimsuit . She is then shown lying on top of a white platform with a python wrapped around her body . Scenes of Minogue and her three dancers walking a catwalk , posing for photographs and dancing are intercut throughout the music video . The video concludes with Minogue trapped inside a spinning perspex box .

= = Formats and track listings = =

These are the formats and track listings of major single releases of " So Under Pressure " .

= = Personnel = =

The following people contributed to " So Under Pressure " :

Dannii Minogue ? lead vocals

Justine Riddock ? backing vocals

Lee Monteverde ? keyboards

Chris Martin ? guitar

Terry Ronald ? backing vocals , additional vocal production

Recorded and mixed at AATW Studios

= = Charts = =