

## **HISTORIAN**

**Role:** You are a historian. You know that have been old Roman vases, Arabic ceramics and a large bronze cannon found in this bay in the past. You have also read that there are old saltpans (1823) very close to where they will be building the breakwaters.

### **Views**

- You like the idea of the area being protected by the breakwater
- You are concerned that the breakwater will be built on and destroy important archeological remains

## **BIOLOGIST**

**Role:** You are a Biologist. You know that in this area there is one of the few rare coastal marshland sites in Malta. This means that there are some species of plant and animals that live in this area only.

### **Views**

- You like the idea that the saltmarsh will be protected from the rough sea.
- You are concerned that the building of the breakwater will make the sea dusty and suffocate many marine plants and animals.

## **BIRD WATCHER**

**Role:** You are a birdwatcher and a member of the Bird Watchers Association. You want to see birds protected and their habitat looked after. You know that this area is a bird sanctuary and has at least 54 bird species living here.

### **Views**

- You like the idea of the coast being protected. You hope that when the area will be developed, they will add a visitors center to teach people about the birds.
- You are concerned that the dust and noise from the building of the breakwater will influence the birds negatively.

## **MARINE BIOLOGIST**

**Role:** You are a marine biologist. You know that in this area there is *Posidonia* which is a very important marine plant for the sea. You know that this plant is protected by law and the destruction of it is illegal.

### **Views**

- You like the idea of people trying to protect the coast from rough waves.
- You are concerned that the building of the break water will not only damage but also totally destroy the *Posidonia* plant.

## **FISHERMAN**

**Role:** You are a fisherman. You know that every winter, large storm waves break up your, and your friends', fishing nets and boats.

### **Views**

Finally the government is listening to your complaints about the terrible storm waves. You make a living out of fishing and every year you spend a lot of money fixing the damaged nets and boats. The fishermen deserve a safe place to keep their boats.

You are concerned that this project is empty project, like others that have been made in the past. You are worried that this breakwater will not be built.

## **WATER POLO PITCH**

**Role:** You are the owner of the water polo pitch club. In summer, a lot of people come to your swimming the pool and buy snacks and drinks from the bar.

### **Views**

You like the idea of protecting the bay since some of your equipment gets destroyed during the winter months. You think that your water polo pitch should also be reinforced.

You are concerned that the breakwater will remove part of the shallow area near the pitch that is used for swimmers and water polo training in summer.

## **RESTAURANT OWNER**

**Role:** You are a restaurant owner in the town. You own one restaurant that is situated on the sea front.

### **Views**

You like the idea that your property will be protected from the sea and rough waves.

You are concerned about the visual appearance of the breakwater and the impact this will have on tourism in the town.

## **HOTEL OWNER**

**Role:** You own a hotel that is situated on the sea front.

### **Views**

You like the idea that the area and your hotel will be protected from the rough waves in winter.

You are concerned about how the breakwater will affect the quality of swimming and leisure activities for your visiting guests.

## **FUN PARK OWNER**

**Role:** You own a small fun park on the sea front. You are close to the beach and the advancing waters. You need the town to thrive so you can continue to run your business.

### **Views**

- You feel that the town needs this breakwater and your business can only continue if the town is protected.
- A lot of your customers are tourists here on holiday. You are concerned that fewer tourists may visit the town if the breakwater is an eyesore!

## **GIFT SHOP OWNER**

**Role:** You own a gift shop on the sea front. You are close to the beach and the advancing waters. You need the town to thrive so you can continue to run your business.

### **Views**

- You feel that the town needs this breakwater and your business can only continue if the town is protected.
- A lot of your customers are tourists here on holiday. You are concerned that fewer tourists may visit the town if the breakwater is an eyesore!

## **ENGINEER**

**Role:** You are an engineer working on this project. You have carried out many models and research and think that the proposed breakwater is the best solution.

### **Views**

- You agree that there should be this breakwater as you have tested out various possible solutions and this is the best one you have found.
- You are concerned that there may be a number of people which don't agree with this project.

## **FISH FARM OWNER**

**Role:** You are the owner of fish farms that are situated a 20 minute boat ride from the proposed breakwater.

### **Views**

- The break water won't affect your fish farms as they are located far away from you farms.
- You are concerned that the dust during the building will be carried by the waves and affect your fish negatively.

## **MINISTER FOR FISHERIES**

**Role:** You are the minister for fisheries and have the wellbeing of fishermen in mind. You want the fishermen to be protected as much as possible.

### **Views**

- You like the idea of the breakwater protecting for the fishermen's' boats and equipment.
- You are concerned about the cost of this breakwater for the government.

## **TOWN MAYOR**

**Role:** You are the town mayor. You want the town to be a successful tourist destination. This will help the town to become prosperous. You also want the town to be a pleasant environment for the local residents.

### **Views**

- You like the idea that the town would become protected.
- You are concerned about how the breakwater will affect tourism in the area and the desirability of the beach.

## **LOCAL COUNCILLOR**

**Role:** You are a member of the town council and meet regularly to discuss important decisions for the town. Your main priorities are safety, finance and tourism.

### **Views**

- You like the idea that the town will be protected from the sea.
- You are concerned about the visual appearance of the breakwater and the impact this will have on tourism in the town. You are also worried about the cost of repairing the breakwater in the future.

## **RESIDENT**

**Role:** You are a local resident who lives in the center of the town away from the sea. You have a sea view and your property is worth €500,000. You like the current view and are pleased at the valuation of your house.

### **Views**

- You like the idea of the breakwater protecting the town.
- You are concerned about the visual appearance of the breakwater and the impact that this would have on your view.

## **RESIDENT**

**Role:** You are a local resident who 2 roads back from the sea front. You have a tremendous view of the sea from your property. Your house price has recently been valued at €1.1 million, which you are pleased about.

### **Views**

You like the idea that the town will be protected from the sea, as your property is only 2 roads back from the sea front.

You are concerned about the visual appearance of the breakwater and the impact this will have on your views and house value.

## **RESIDENT**

**Role:** You are a local resident who lives on the sea front. You are close to the winter storm waves. You have a stunning view but every winter you have to repair your house as the storm waves enter and damage the walls and furniture.

### **Views**

You are desperate for this breakwater to be built.

You are concerned about the visual appearance of the breakwater and the impact that this would have on your view.

## **RESIDENT**

**Role:** You are a local resident who lives on the sea front. You are close to the winter storm waves. Your house price has recently fallen from €500,000 to €300,000 as no one wants to buy a house that needs constant repairs in the winter.

### **Views**

You are desperate for this breakwater to be built so that your house does not lose its value.

You are concerned about how long it will take for the breakwater to be built and that its visual appearance will continue to lower the house's value.

## **RESIDENT - NEARBY VILLAGE**

**Role:** You live in a village just further down the coast from the town. You believe that people in the town have a right to build coastal defences, however you are concerned that this will impact on another part of the coast, causing even worse erosion.

### **Views**

You understand that the town needs to be protected.

You are concerned that if the incorrect sea defences are implemented, then this might cause erosion near your village.