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The Opposition has received representations from residents of Both Worlds regarding the state of Sandy Bay which they consider to be dangerous and at times even a hazard to public health.

Following the last major storms a few weeks ago, a number of concrete blocks and a large metal tank have found their way onto the beach and there is a danger that next time round these could be hurled by waves against the houses. The Opposition has been informed that the old bar is near to collapse. The walkway at the bottom of the ramp is completely broken up and covered with trees and rubble.

The residents are also seriously concerned that that there was raw sewage seeping from a pipe onto the beach for about a month and say that this was not repaired until this weekend despite many telephone calls to the relevant authorities urging them to act.

The beach is used in winter by divers, residents, tourists and others who go for walks on the sand.

Commenting on the matter, Shadow Minister for Tourism Dr Joseph Garcia said:

“The residents of Both Worlds claim that the problem with raw sewage was ongoing for about five weeks and that in that time there was not even a warning sign telling people to stay away. It is important that the Government should act sooner when they are faced with this kind of situation. The state of our beaches and of Sandy Bay in particular must be maintained in winter because there are still tourists and residents who make use of them.”

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