How would you characterise your views on the Bill in general?

In support

How would you characterise your views on the introduction of same sex marriage, so that same sex couples can marry each other?

In support

How would you characterise your views on putting belief celebrants on the same footing as religious celebrants?

Neither

I don't know that there's much difference between the two. Religious celebrants also believe.

How would you characterise your views on the arrangements for authorising celebrants to solemnise opposite sex and same sex marriage (including the opt-in procedures)?

In support

As a Christian I believe in monogamy in relationships and equal marriage for Christians will help to promote this.

How would you characterise your views on civil partnerships changing to marriages?

In support

How would you characterise your views on allowing civil marriage ceremonies to take place anywhere, other than religious premises, agreed between the couple and registrar?

In opposition

Churches and other places of worship need to be included first.

How would you characterise your views on allowing the religious and belief registration of civil partnerships?

In support

As a Christian I believe this is the right thing to do. Lots of LGBT people have a deep faith and would want their union blessed by God.
How would you characterise your views on allowing transgender persons to stay married when obtaining a full Gender Recognition Certificate, which provides legal recognition in the acquired gender?

Neither

The marriage certificate would need to change.

Would you like to comment on the wider issue of protections for those in society who may have concerns about same sex marriage?

There’s a lot of bigotry and homophobia out there and the more protection we give these people, the more they will oppose equality.

Would you like to comment on the wider issue of freedom of speech?

If I made racist or sexist comments I would be hauled over the coals for it, so why do we allow so much hate speech against LGBT people?

Would you like to comment on any other wider issues in relation to the Bill that are not mentioned above?

Are you responding as...

a private individual

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