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

In support

I think this bill is a huge step forward for LGBT equality and signals an end to institutional discrimination on the part of the state. Some of the bill's finer points merit scrutiny but, on the whole, all parts of the bill exhibit common sense and a true commitment to equality.

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

In support

Same sex marriage is a common sense policy that extends the right of marriage to all couples, regardless of sexual orientation. The current situation, where marriage is limited to heterosexual couples, is simply discriminatory. Marriage is a hugely important institution within society and denying marriage to same sex couples is to the detriment of the state as well as to LGBT people. Studies have already shown the same sex couples exhibit exactly the same love and commitment to one another as opposite sex couples, and are as capable as parents. So prohibiting same sex marriage is not only discriminatory, it doesn't make any sense.

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

In support

I agree with this principle. All people should be equal before the law, regardless of what they 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

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

In support

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?

In support

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

No religious body will be forced to conduct same sex marriage, just as they are not forced to remarry divorced people. The legalisation of same sex marriage will not affect the nature of pre-existing heterosexual marriages. Opponents of same sex marriage have no reason to be concerned by its introduction.

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

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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