MARRIAGE AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIP (SCOTLAND) BILL

SUBMISSION FROM LISA CHARLWOOD-GREEN

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

In support

All people should have the right to choose full marriage or civil partnership.

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 couples should nopt be treated any differently than mixed sex couples.

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

In support

Beliefs and Faiths are in my mind one and the same.

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

I believe that people should have the right to opt-in. I would not want someone to marry me if they disapproved as it would feel like the union was not fully supported by the celebrant.

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

Neither

I feel that both Civil Partnerships and Marriages should be available to all.

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

This should be a personal decision.

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

In many religions eg. Jewish same sex celebrations are welcomed and supported.

**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

If that person wishes to stay married then the marriage should not be revoked. That is a nasty and unnecessary thing to do.

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

These people need to understand that times are changing and Equality for all does not mean they will be worse off, more so those who have not had the same privileges will be on a similar footing. They do not need protection - they are not the minority and this will not affect them, they are free to live their lives.

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

I look forward to a day when I can truly speak my mind!

**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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