MARRIAGE AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIP (SCOTLAND) BILL
SUBMISSION FROM KIRSTY FULTON

How would you characterise your views on the Bill in general?
In support
Everyone should have equal rights regardless of sexual orientation.

How would you characterise your views on the introduction of same sex marriage, so that same sex couples can marry each other?
In support
As above. I can't really understand why there is a debate. Love is a human right.

How would you characterise your views on putting belief celebrants on the same footing as religious celebrants?
In support
I had a civil ceremony when I got married and it is on the same footing as a religious ceremony so it should be the same for this.

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)?
Neither
I don't really understand this question - what is opt-in procedures?

How would you characterise your views on civil partnerships changing to marriages?
In support
Depending on the wishes of the individuals - if they prefer to be married they should be allowed to do so, but if they are happy with a civil partnership, they should be allowed to keep it that way too.

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

I am in support of anyone of any kind, be it transgender, gay or straight being allowed to be married if they want to be married. I dont think it should matter.

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

I dont think anyone needs any protection on this issue. At the end of the day, love is a human right and no one is going to be harmed in any way by two people of the same sex or otherwise saying 'I do' in a celebration of love. The government, media and education need to do a better job at educating people on equality and by passing this law, allowing same sex marriages, is one further step towards doing just that - showing that we stand up for equal rights and celebrate them.

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

Just that I believe its important.

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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