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?
In support

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?

I'm concerned about the nature of protections for those who have concerns about same sex marriage. While I do not wish to force my beliefs on them in the same way they have forced theirs on me, I would not expect the Catholic Church to be forced to
conduct same-sex marriages. I would, however, expect to see a teacher who espoused the view in the classroom that same-sex marriage was "evil" should be investigated under the usual disciplinary procedure and possibility terminated is that was considered the best course. Being Gay is neither criminal nor wrong so to with same-sex marriage neither criminal nor wrong. If the issue were "Black" rather than "Gay" you wouldn't even be asking this question here. Substitute the word "Black or Muslim" in your deliberations and ask the same questions of yourselves how you would frame protections for racists. This is exactly the same.

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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