How would you characterise your views on the Bill in general?
In support
ABOUT time!

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 am in a heterosexual marriage. I would find it discriminatory if only people of the same sex could marry each other and people of the opposite sex could not. QED I believe that people should be free to marry whom they chose.

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
I know gay and lesbian friends who would love to have a religious ceremony.

How would you characterise your views on civil partnerships changing to marriages?
In support
I suspect that many people had civil partnerships because they wished their partnerships to be legally recognised and would have gone for marriage had the option been open to them.

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
Why not? Straight couples get married in hotels on boats etc.. so why not same sex couples?

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

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

People are entitled to their views, however I feel that a lot of it is prejudice and bigotry and that I find hard to stomach.

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

With freedom comes responsibility, and people have to acknowledge that there has been a sea change of opinion about this issue in the last twenty years.

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

I would like to say that even as someone in a heterosexual marriage who had a church wedding I do not feel that same sex marriages make my marriage any less valid or special.

Are you responding as...

a private individual

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