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

In support

I welcome the bill. As a person concerned with equality and inclusion in our society, I welcome the opportunity for same gender couples to have society and the law recognise their partnerships. I am delighted to think that the bill will give the rights to same gender couples that I enjoy now in my different gender marriage. Onwards to a fair society!

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

In support

I would be delighted to see this as a legal right in Scotland. A fair society gives us all hope for the future.

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

In support

I would like to see belief celebrants on a par with their religious colleagues. The reason for this is that I am not comfortable with the state selecting approved celebrants. I would expect all celebrants to attend to their duties to the law as is required of them.

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

These seem to be in order...

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

In support

This seems a fair idea, had they been available at the time I fell it’s more than likely some civil partnerships would have been marriages. Let’s let them get converted to married!
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

I feel this follows on logically form the main thrust of the bill.

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

This bit of the bill seems overly restrictive, I don't want to see trans people having gender recognition denied and delayed. It appears the English bill contains a better way forward.

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

I oppose an opt out for registrars in this matter and teachers.

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...

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