MARRIAGE AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIP (SCOTLAND) BILL
SUBMISSION FROM VINCENT MCGREAD

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

In opposition

I am totally unconvinced about the use of the democratic process in this case, I do not believe that the Scottish electorate has been given an opportunity to unequivocally express it’s opinion on this proposed legislation.

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

In opposition

Eight years ago, Civil Partnership was created, and a commitment made not to press for "marriage".

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

Neither

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 opposition

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

In opposition

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 opposition

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

In opposition

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

On the basis that I do not condone the concept in the first place, there ought not to be any protections needed. If the legislation is passed, provision and protection for any/all who disagree, in any way, in ANY circumstance, with such marriage, MUST be written into the legislation.

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

All principles of freedom of speech, freedom to express one's opinion based on one's conscience, must be protected.

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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