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

I support equality, and equal marriage is crucial to the equal recognition of same-sex relationships.

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?
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 support

This seems fair.

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

Being unable to have my faith recognised in my civil partnership was deeply upsetting.

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?
Neither

**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 free in this country to express their concerns about any aspect of government or the law. These proposals do not change that. As long as people don't step over the mark into incitement to hatred, freedom of speech is protected as it should be.

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

As previous question. In addition, more weight appears to be given to this aspect of the bill than to its positive intentions. Care should be taken to redress this during any publicity around it. For instance, it is far from true that all Christians or churches oppose equal marriage.

**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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