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
This to me is the most vitally important component of the bill. The present law requires perfectly good relationships to be broken up even temporarily so that one partner can gain their gender recognition certificate. This is surely unacceptable in this day and age, a cruel and unnatural punishment simply for daring to want to reflect your true gender. I transitioned some 25 years ago but still remain married to my partner, I would like a gender recognition certificate, however I have no intention of divorcing my partner simply to get a piece of paper. If a relationship works - why break it? Surely what the world needs is more love and not more strife?

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

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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