MARRIAGE AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIP (SCOTLAND) BILL

SUBMISSION FROM TREvor OXBORROW

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

In support

A logical step forward in a free 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

Having been happily married for several decades, I cannot see any reason to deny that state to any loving couple wishing to commit to each other, regardless of the gender of either partner.

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

Neither

The availability of marriage should be a right for all citizens regardless of the gender of either partner. Beliefs and religion are diverse and personal, the cause of many controversies and confrontations, and should be left out of the debate as far as is possible.

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)?

Neither

Any licensed marriage practitioner should be able to decide which ceremonies they will conduct.

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

In support

Cannot see why there should be a distinction at all.

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

The place should not be significant in law.
How would you characterise your views on allowing the religious and belief registration of civil partnerships?

Neither

Such registration should be optional for the parties involved.

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

Gender should no longer play a part in marriage legislation.

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

There will always be some people who are offended by the beliefs and practises of others. Is there not sufficient legislation already to protect from physical and verbal abuse? Live and let live.

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...

a private individual

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