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

In support if the couple wishes to convert from one to the other

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?
Neither

I feel that civil and religious ceremonies of any kind should be kept separate, but would not stand in the way of those who wish these ceremonies

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

I think the bill as proposed fully protects those religious celebrants who are fundamentally opposed to same sex marriage from having to be involved with such ceremonies. Civil registrars, as civil servants, should not have the same protection.

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

I believe that we are all entitled to freedom of speech so long as in exercising that freedom we do not impinge on the freedom of others or incite hatred against anyone.

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 celebrant
a faith/belief-based organisation

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