MARRIAGE AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIP (SCOTLAND) BILL
SUBMISSION FROM MICHAEL REYNOLDS

How would you characterise your views on the Bill in general?
In support
Important for Scotland to take its place as a progressive, forward thinking country in the modern world.

How would you characterise your views on the introduction of same sex marriage, so that same sex couples can marry each other?
In support
Same-sex couples should be able to live, and enjoy the same benefits and legal recognition as any hetero-sexual couple.

How would you characterise your views on putting belief celebrants on the same footing as religious celebrants?
In support
Much like the bill in general, Scotland must place belief and faith ceremonies on the same footing, to show that we are a modern country inclusive of all. Allowing religious ceremony to stand above all else is dangerous in a country where there are so many different religious and non-religious groups represented.

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
As in Q5, there should be no separation in my eyes, a union is a union and should be recognised equally.

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

Fully in support - many transgender people receive tremendous support from partners and spouses and should continue to be recognised as such

**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...**

a private individual

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