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

Although where a religious denomination decides as a body NOT to celebrate same sex marriage, I believe that individual ministers/marriage celebrants should have a right to opt in on an individual basis.

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

By choice, not compulsion.

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
It's barbaric to expect loving couple to have to divorce in such circumstances

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

This should be about freedom of choice and religious protection, however those in state employment providing a service (ie registrars and civil marriage celebrants) must provide a service to all, irrespective of gender combination. There can be no opt out here. There is no opt out for marrying divorcees for example.

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

Freedom of speech must be protected but so must the law concerning hate crime, abuse and harassment. There is a fine line to be drawn however, freedom of speech must not be used as a shield to hide behind.

**Would you like to comment on any other wider issues in relation to the Bill that are not mentioned above?**

I believe that marriage ceremonies must be able to be gender-neutral or specific in their wording, by choice and agreement between the celebrant and the couple. I support the submission (in detail) by the Equality Network on this matter.

**Are you responding as...**

a private individual

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