MARRIAGE AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIP (SCOTLAND) BILL
SUBMISSION FROM MARGARET WEIR STOCKS

How would you characterise your views on the Bill in general?
In opposition
A complete waste of valuable government time

How would you characterise your views on the introduction of same sex marriage, so that same sex couples can marry each other?
In opposition
I consider the union of one man and one woman to be the bedrock of a safe and secure society. To change this union known as marriage is not desirable or necessary. Same sex couples are adequately provided for and to call a male 'wife' or a female 'husband' diminishes the real meaning of these words.

How would you characterise your views on putting belief celebrants on the same footing as religious celebrants?
Neither
I am a believer but not religious and do not know how to answer this!!

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 opposition
Not adequate to protect those who do not wish to be involved.

How would you characterise your views on civil partnerships changing to marriages?
In opposition
This is quite unnecessary and demeans the word marriage

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 opposition
civil partnerships yes marriage no

How would you characterise your views on allowing the religious and belief registration of civil partnerships?
In support

I think this is probably playing with words.

**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?**

Neither

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

I would like reassurance that registrars, ministers and teachers will not be penalised for sincerely held views about the sanctity of genuine marriage.

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

Yes, freedom of speech is being eroded in this country in favour of a vocal minority.

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

Just to say the changing of an age old custom MARRIAGE will in no way benefit this generation or the next.

**Are you responding as...**

a private individual retired health visitor

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