MARRIAGE AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIP (SCOTLAND) BILL

SUBMISSION FROM DARREN TOD

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
I believe in equality.

How would you characterise your views on putting belief celebrants on the same footing as religious celebrants?
In support
I believe in equality.

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?
I believe civil partnerships should still be a separate option for homo and heterosexuals.

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

Equality cannot be achieved while whole churches/religions are allowed to refuse to conduct a civil marriage ceremony. Individuals should be allowed to refuse if there beliefs are that strong.

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

Freedom of speech is essential, however individuals should not be able to victimise or grossly offend those who hold differing beliefs.

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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