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

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?

Those with concerns about same sex marriage should not be in a position where they are providing public services or officiating over legal proceedings. There should be room for those who wish to object to do so; however, this should not have an
affect on the legality of relationships out with their comfort zones. Views against the issue should not be allowed to appear more authoritative because they original from religious doctrine and should be subject to the same restrictions all members of society must adhere to. Religious opt-outs should not be permitted to hide behind their religious beliefs to preach hate and/or bigotry.

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

Freedom of speech is an important part of our society as a whole. Hate speech that masquerades behind the mask of religious teachings should be exposed for its true nature and appropriate action taken against those producing and printing/distributing this.

**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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