How would you characterise your views on the Bill in general?

In support

Scotland has always been a country in advanced development of science, technology, culture, and education. It is adamant that they also become advanced in regards to social aspects; the fact that same sex marriage has yet to become a legally recognised concept is pitiful.

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

If two adults are consenting to dedicate themselves to each other and gain the legal rights that come with marriage or civil partnership then their religious views (or lack thereof) should not prohibit them.

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

Celebrants should only solemnise opposite and same sex marriages if they are in support of these marriages. No celebrant should solemnise a marriage that he or she opposes.

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

In opposition

Civil partnership should exist for couples who do not agree with marriage but want the same rights as a married couple, such as the rights of the spouse if the other spouse dies intestate.

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?

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 is shameful and backwards to state that a transgender person's marriage would become null due to the change in their gender; their identity does not inhibit them from dedicating themselves to their marriage.

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

If you can't say something nice don't say nothing at all.

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...

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a private individual

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