MARRIAGE AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIP (SCOTLAND) BILL

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

How would you characterise your views on the introduction of same sex marriage, so that same sex couples can marry each other?
In opposition

keep it as civil partnership so as to retain the term 'marriage' for heterosexual marriage intended to be lifelong

How would you characterise your views on putting belief celebrants on the same footing as religious celebrants?
Neither

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)?

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

the wellbeing of society is enhanced by children being brought up, as the norm, in a monogamous heterosexual faithful lifelong union. It is jeopardised if this is lost, as the Bill proposes

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?
Neither

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?
Neither
Would you like to comment on the wider issue of protections for those in society who may have concerns about same sex marriage?

Those who have a faith position on these things in all walks of life eg education, registrars of marriages, religious leaders, ought to be given protection allowing them to state and explain their position without jeopardising their employment.

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...

a private individual

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