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
1) Will the Bill benefit some people? - Yes 2) Will there be detriments to others - No evidence of detriment in any jurisdiction 3) Bill should become law.

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)?
Neither
I support the conscience clause allowing opt-out of individuals who are already approved celebrants, but the opt in procedures deny the conscience of celebrants to conduct marriages if their organisation has opted out, effectively denied them that right. i.e. the conscience clause only works one way

How would you characterise your views on civil partnerships changing to marriages?
In support
But there should be no cost to the individuals concerned. Having been discriminated against it is adding insult to injury to make them pay to correct an injustice done to them

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
Let the love flow!

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?

We are in danger of codifying discrimination by allowing the conscience clause to operate in only one way. Sexuality is as intrinsic as ethnic origin, gender and disability (religion, like politics is a choice) The opponents of the bill seem to be demanding in laws relating to sexuality there should be special dispensation for discriminatory language and behaviour. These calls should be resisted

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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