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Publish this response

We will share your response internally with other Scottish Government policy teams who may be addressing the issues you discuss. They may wish to contact you again in the future, but we require your permission to do so. Are you content for Scottish Government to contact you again in relation to this consultation exercise?

Yes

The 'no change' option

1 Please provide any additional arguments you wish to make in favour of the no change option.

Please provide any additional arguments you wish to make in favour of the no change option.:

2 Please provide any additional arguments you wish to make against the no change option.

Please provide any additional arguments you wish to make against the no change option.:

Fife Centre for Equalities support Equality Network's position that it is wrong that mixed-sex couples can only choose marriage, while same-sex couples can choose marriage or civil partnership.

The option of 'no new civil partnerships being entered into in Scotland from a date in the future'

3 Please provide any additional arguments you wish to make in favour of the option of no new civil partnerships being entered into from a date in the future.

Please provide any additional arguments you wish to make in favour of the option of no new civil partnerships being entered into from a date in the future.:

4 Please provide any additional arguments you wish to make against the option of no new civil partnerships being entered into from a date in the future.

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Fife Centre for Equality support Equality Network's position that we do not believe that the option of no new civil partnerships is the right solution to the inequality. It would restrict the choices of same-sex couples in future, because civil partnership would cease to be an option.

Opposite sex civil partnership

5 Do you have any comments on the Government's view that there are insufficient reasons for introducing opposite sex civil partnership in Scotland? If yes, please outline these comments.

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Fife Centre for Equalities believes that introducing opposite sex civil partnership in Scotland is the best option for all. It creates equality of options for both same sex couples and mixed sex couples and truly embeds equality and diversity in our legal system. It also signals that Scotland is a progressive country and we want to eliminate all forms of potential discrimination in the future.

Options 1 and 2 will be seen as regressive rather than progressive.

Impact Assessments

6 Please provide any comments you have on the partial Business and Regulatory Impact Assessment (BRIA), on the partial Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA) and on the screening report for the Child Rights and Wellbeing Impact Assessment (CRWIA).

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Evaluation

Please help us improve our consultations by answering the questions below.

How satisfied were you with this consultation?:

Slightly dissatisfied

Please enter comments here.:

We believe that it is unhelpful for the government to state their least preferred option as part of the launch of this consultation.

How would you rate your satisfaction with using Citizen Space to respond to consultations?:

Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied

Please enter comments here.: