

**Written evidence from Lance Pierson [HAB0332]**

I do not support any extension of the rights of cohabiting couples.

Cohabitation has a poorer track record for permanence and protection of children, so should not be encouraged further. If couples have a desire for a longstanding or permanent commitment, marriage and civil partnerships are available to them with the rights they may be looking for. These relationships have a much better track record for security of the partners and any children.

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