Twitter thread by Amy Coopes of Professor Caroline de Costa’s presentation at #RANZCOG19

https://twitter.com/coopesdetat/status/1184268444121759745

Amy Coopes @coopesdetat

Last talk is Caroline de Costa on mifepristone, which people may still know of as RU486 #ranz cog19

11:42 AM · Oct 16, 2019 · Twitter Web App

4 Retweets 13 Likes

Amy Coopes @coopesdetat · Oct 16

Replying to @coopesdetat

A quick history lesson on mifepristone and the Harradine amendment, which was horse-traded over Telstra (but never let anyone tell you the LNP aren’t the party for women, folks) #RANZCOG19

Amy Coopes @coopesdetat · Oct 16

Replying to @coopesdetat

No pharmaceutical company was willing to bring it into Australia, such was its notoriety (cheers Tony) #RANZCOG19

[Image of a presentation slide titled "FIRST USE OF MIFEPRISTONE IN AUSTRALIA"]
First mifepristone came to Cairns from NZ, not with a drumroll from Customs but in a brown paper bag, bit of an anticlimax says de Costa

#RANZCOG19

De Costa outlining why mifepristone is actually a drug unlike any other. Politicised to this day in Australia in a way unlike any other country

#RANZCOG19

Restrictions have real impacts. Contributes to stigma in society and within the profession, says de Costa. And despite Australian studies showing it is safe, acceptable and effective #RANZCOG19
Amy Coopes @coopesdetat · Oct 16
Replying to @coopesdetat
STOP the special status and restrictions on this important drug

START educating GPs and RANZCOG members

CONTINUE improving access for women

#RANZCOG19

Jen Hocking @jenhock13 · Oct 16
Replying to @coopesdetat
Also would like to trumpet loudly (!) about the potential for midwives to be working in this space There is good work happening here already
#medicalabortion #reproductivejustice