This 17-page Twitter summary from #ACEM19 was prepared for the Croakey Conference News Service in December 2019. It compiles a Twitter thread by Amy Coopes sent on 20 November, 2019.

Plenary up now: SCIENCE, POLICY, PEOPLE AND POLITICS: THE COMPLEX INTERACTIONS BETWEEN POLITICAL ACTION AND POLICY AND EVIDENCE IN THE PUBLIC SPHERE #ACEM19

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First up @ACTINOSProject on pill testing in a post-truth world, following Tasmania’s upper house voting in support this week #ACEM19

Tasmania Now: Total fire ban for tomorrow with hot... Daily Briefing: Fire authorities declare a total fire ban for much of the state on Thursday, with wind ... abc.net.au
We chatted about pill testing and lots lots more with @ACTINOSProject at #ACEM19 yesterday

David Caldicott #ACEM19
Australia's poster boy for pill testing, David Caldicott, speaks to Croakey News about drug policy, politics... 📱 youtube.com

The context for pill testing. We are doing appallingly says @ACTINOSProject #ACEM19

Is this cool with anyone...?

(Didn't think so.)
‘Medical Model’ of Pill-Testing

- Avoids law-enforcement confrontations

- Stated aim is to prevent harm, not facilitate use

- Aimed at outcomes-
  (not publications, or grants etc.)

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The Trans-Tasman charter for pill testing #ACEM19

Trans-Tasman Charter for Pill Testing

- ‘Face-to-Face’ Testing
- No fee-for-service
- Peer-Driven
- Information Sharing
- Open Science
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Caldicott says he has been at this since 2006, the days of dealing with a 'pre-pubescent @cpyne' #ACEM19

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'People don't see this as a heath issue and that's crap' says @ACTINOSProject and 'the Murdochcracy doesn't much like it', but the Australian public and health groups overwhelmingly support pill testing #ACEM19

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'We're undressing minors, we're stripping children' and it's not just NSW, it's happening elsewhere we're just not paying attention, says @ACTINOSProject. Policing approaches undermining faith of a whole generation in the system #ACEM19

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'Respect is something that is earned and when you demand respect you have lost respect' says @ACTINOSProject of police approaches #ACEM19

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'Answers to complex health problems are not to be fou in the bottom of a whee bin' says Caldicott of amnesty bins, adding that 'coercive and punitive approaches should never ever be supported by health professionals' #ACEM19

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Very awkward to see No Pill Testing is a front for... @AndrewLamingMP #ACEM19
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Caldicott says we need to build the ark on drug use before the rain, a deluge of fentanyl & NPS deaths #ACEM19
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Now hearing from @first_do_hoharm on alcohol, policy and EM #ACEM19

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Egerton-Warburton sharing the ‘ubiquitous’ story of her nephew Robert being assaulted on AFL GF weekend by a drunk stranger. as what happened to Robert bad luck or bad policy? #ACEM19

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How can we influence policymakers and what policies work to reduce alcohol harm? Stories and anecdotes so important to make data real, ‘give it superpowers’, she says #ACEM19

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Egerton-Warburton talking about @acemonline’s #alcoholharmED project. 15% or 1 in 7 patients on a Saturday night there as a result of alcohol harm #ACEM19
24/7, 7 days a week, 10% of people are in EDs for alcohol-related harm. Translates to half a million people #ACEM19

We now have compelling longitudinal data that early closing reduces serious assaults and incidents by 20% per hour after 1am says @first_do_no_harm. Yet policy ebbs and flows. As pendulum swings back @acemonline advocacy is more important than ever, she says #acem19

What else works? Price matters. In Australia we are seeing the 'reverse Jesus Christ phenomenon' with bottled water more expensive than alcohol, she says #ACEM19

Harm to others vs harm to users. Alcohol wins every time #ACEM19
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Helen Berry up next on climate change #ACEM19. You can catch our interview with Helen from earlier this week here

Professor Helen Berry #ACEM19
Helen Berry, Professor of Climate Change and Mental Health at the University of Sydney, speaks ...

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Why is the world still dithering - and Australia most especially? Part of it is lies and deliberate misinformation says Berry #ACEM19

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Importance of lobbying #ACEM19

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We do have weapons against the lies says Berry. @GretaThunberg is one! #ACEM19
Another weapon is the #LancetCountdown on health and climate change #ACEM19

We digested the #LancetCountdown over at @croakeynews last week – check out our summary here #ACEM19 croakey.org/wp-content/upl...

Berry was involved in the Australian #LancetCountdown reports #ACEM19

Heat is the silent killer, it kills more people by far than all the other extreme weather events put together says Berry #ACEM19 #HeatwaveHealth

Berry presenting the Australian data. We get about double the global average increases in warming because of our geographic peculiarities. ‘You can see why our kids are scared’ #ACEM19
Exponential increases in suicide related to heat events, Berry shows particularly for men #heatwavehealth #ACEM19

Insurance expenditure contrasted with media reporting on the #ClimateEmergency #ACEM19

Next up @JudkinsSimon on mental health #ACEM19. ‘Advocacy is hard, takes a lot of work, and involves a lot of people’
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Judkins taking us through @acemonline's work on mental health in the past two years. Urges delegates to sign the consensus statement to up the pressure on politicians #ACEM19 acem.org.au/Content-Source...

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A summary of @acemonline actions in the mental health space presented by @JudkinsSimon at #ACEM19. Important to engage on multiple fronts
What needs to happen at a systems level on mental health #ACEM19

Looking ahead - future priorities. We've got one measure we can really hold systems and leaders accountable for and that's mental health patients spending 12, 24+ hours in an ED #ACEM19
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We will now have a panel with the four speakers so if you have a question please shoot through on the hashtag #ACEM19

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First question about... daylight savings, from Townsville. Make it year round to save emissions? #ACEM19
We do need to reduce burning of fossil fuels but that doesn't mean loss of jobs unless you do it poorly says Berry. Just transition is where all the research is at currently #ACEM19

Berry says the main thing is to not be discouraged or paralysed by the enormity of the issue or throw our hands up and declare it too hard #ACEM19

Next question about whether public order issues with alcohol are 'Anglo-Celtic' specific, and other cultures don't experience these when drinking. @first_do_noharm says worldwide the data shows harms are global #ACEM19
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Caldicott giving an Irish perspective, says it is worse here anecdotally and the embassy here is actually working on an education strategy around this #ACEM19

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Berry notes there is a climate dimension to drinking as well - links to hot weather and alcohol, alcohol harms. Australia well positioned to keep leading this discussion #ACEM19

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#HeatwaveHealth

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Discussion around importance of creating the ‘health promoting ED’ and embedding public health, brief interventions in EM culture #ACEM19
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Very good question on what we know about links between alcohol use and IPV, misogynist dimensions to alcohol harms #ACEM19

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These issues are really important and high priority for next work, we don't have the data yet says @first_do_noharm #ACEM19

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Great to hear a question on how we get around vested interests, whether alcohol lobby, fossil fuels, Murdochcracy #ACEM19

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What could be more powerless than a 15 year old girl asks Berry. If #SchoolStrikes can do it, illustrates the huge power of individuals acting collectively. 'What we have right now is a fraction of what's going to be here in 20, 30 years time, be scared, be very scared' #ACEM19

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Caldicott says we should apply the lessons of history, and recognise that money speaks. Urges a @slng_giants_oz approach. @First_do_noharm says we must also address political donations #ACEM19

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What next after pill testing, someone asks Caldicott. The problem is much bigger #ACEM19

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Caldicott says the value of pill testing has not been about the pills at all, it's about the discussions that have been generated: around dinner tables, with event organisers, with police, shifting paradigm to stopping deaths rather than drugs #ACEM19

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Pill testing the 'tip of the health promotion and harm minimisation strategy when it comes to illicit drugs' says @First_do_noharm. An opportune time to delve below the water-line #ACEM19
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What is the role of @acemonline and other Colleges to fund the research into climate change and how it is going to impact us? @JudkinsSimon says this is on the agenda of the CPMC tomorrow... #ACEM19

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Discussion now around paternalism vs self-determination on imposition of alcohol policy on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. @first_do_noharm says it is a very fraught area #ACEM19

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Former College president Joe Epstein saying this plenary the most important he has ever attended at an @acemonline ASM. Asking how we tackle population explosion #ACEM19

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Berry emphasising the importance of family planning, education and empowerment of women in LMICs on this #ACEM19. Read our story... #RANZCOG19 feat @lregan7 -->
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Last comment from @first_do_no_harm - let's start by appointing a woman as the next president of @acemonline! @hansendisease urges everyone to walk out of here today and do something with their renewed sense of purpose #ACEM19

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If you would like to join #ACEM19 ASM convenor @GeoffCouser in supporting our #CoveringClimateNow Patreon, here is the link. Just one small thing you can do to help keep up the pressure!

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