

# ANZ-Roy Morgan Australian Consumer Confidence Media Release

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## Confidence tumbles

- ANZ-Roy Morgan Australian Consumer Confidence nosedived to 109.5, a fall of 4.6% from the previous week's reading. All the sub-indices were in the negative, with three components falling more than 5%. The decline has also resulted in the headline index and each sub-index closing below their long-run averages.
- Current financial conditions fell by 2.9%, while future financial conditions took a bigger hit, falling 5.4%.
- The economic conditions sub-indices were also in the negative, with current economic conditions falling a sharp 7.9% and future economic conditions declining by 5.4%.
- The 'time to buy a household item' fell by 1.7% vis-à-vis a decline of 2.1% in the previous reading. Four week moving average inflation expectations were stable at 4%.

### ANZ-Roy Morgan Consumer Confidence and inflation expectations

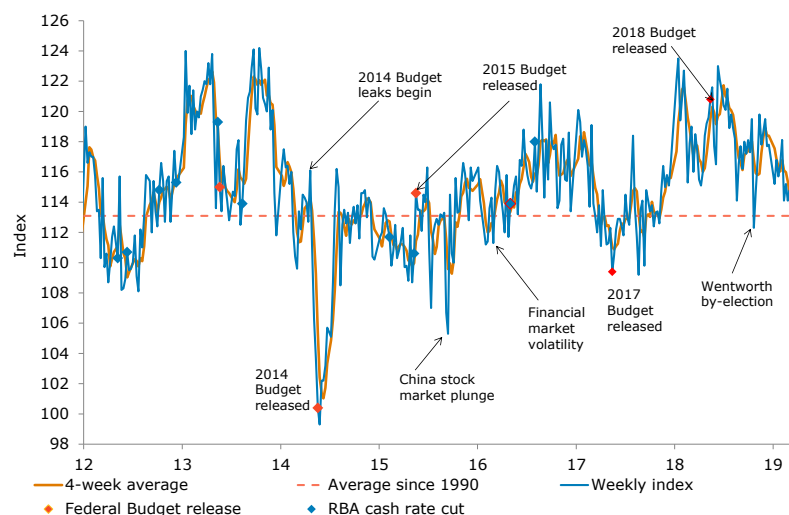
Last week (9–10 Mar)	Weekly change, %	Four-week average	Monthly average since 1990	Inflation expectations (four-week ma)
114.8	-4.6%	113.4	113.1	4.0%

Data collected last weekend (Saturday and Sunday), based on around 1,000 face-to-face interviews. Not seasonally adjusted. Further data history on page 6.

### ANZ's Head of Australian Economics, David Plank, commented:

"Confidence took a significant hit last week, falling well below average. We think the soft GDP report and, perhaps more importantly, the focus on a "per capita recession" were the primary factors in the plunge. The last such big decline in confidence was the weekend of the Wentworth by-election, something we thought was unlikely to have a lasting impact on sentiment. This decline could be longer-lasting as it appears to be more related to underlying economic conditions. If it proves to be a sustained decline then it is yet more bad news about a household sector that is already under pressure. No doubt the RBA will take note."

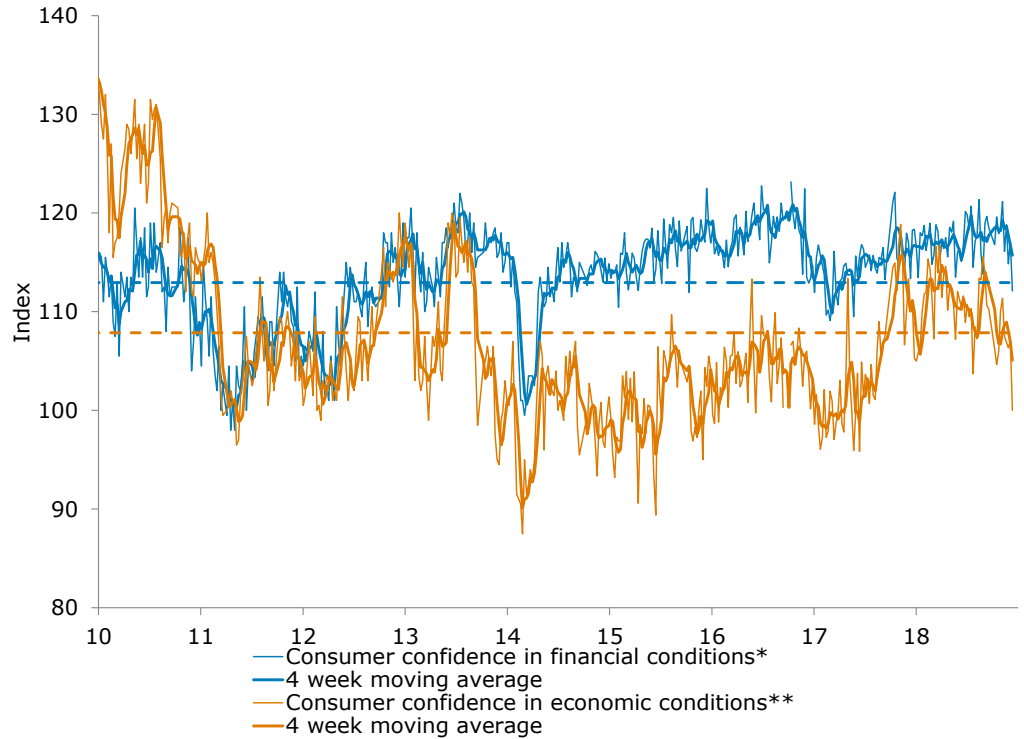
### Confidence took a 4.6% hit



Source: ANZ-Roy Morgan



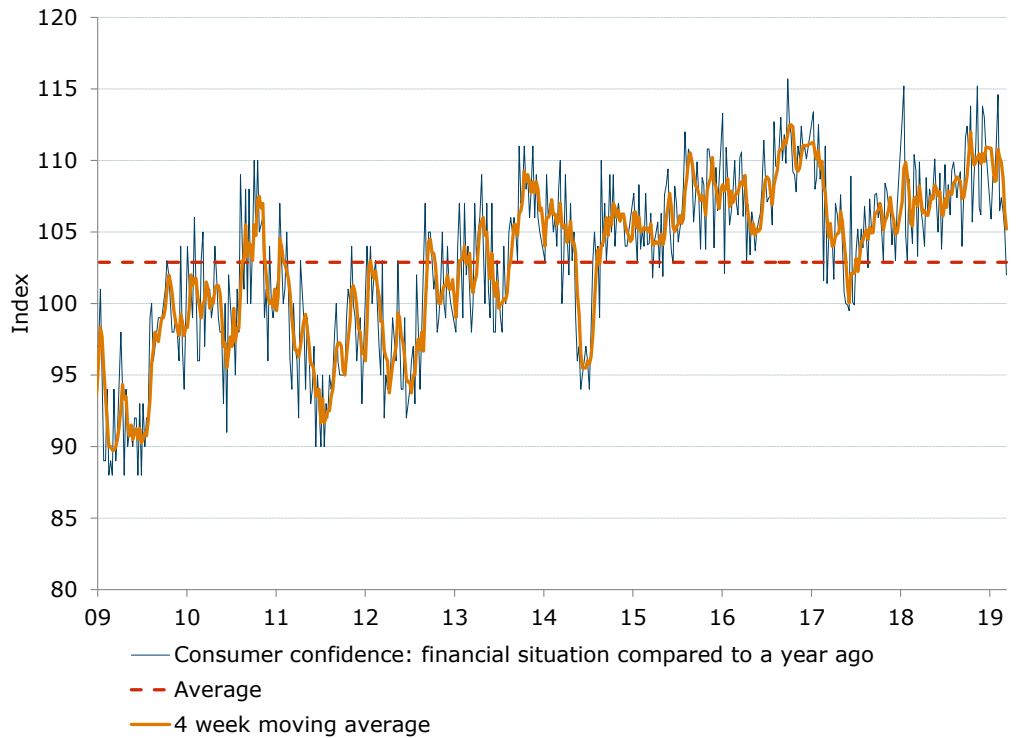
**Figure 1. Financial and economic conditions fall in unison**



Source: ANZ-Roy Morgan

Note: Financial conditions index is an average of 'financial situation compared to a year ago' and 'financial situation next year' sub-indices. Economic conditions index is an average of 'economic conditions in 12 months' and 'economic conditions in five years' sub-indices.

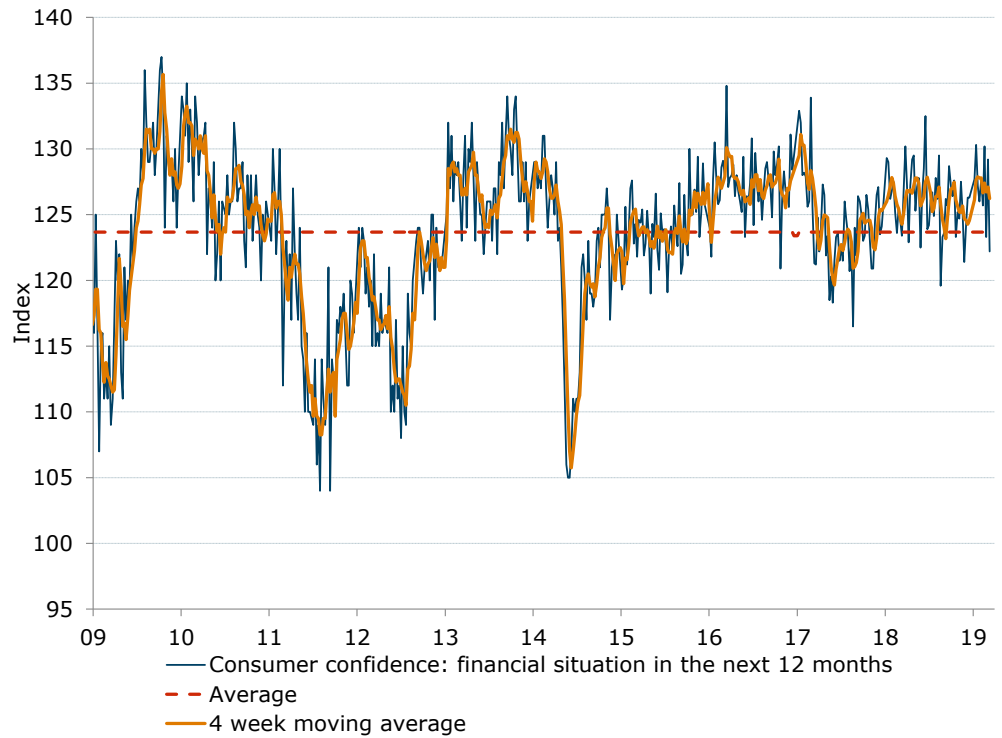
**Figure 2. Current finances fall below average**



Source: ANZ-Roy Morgan

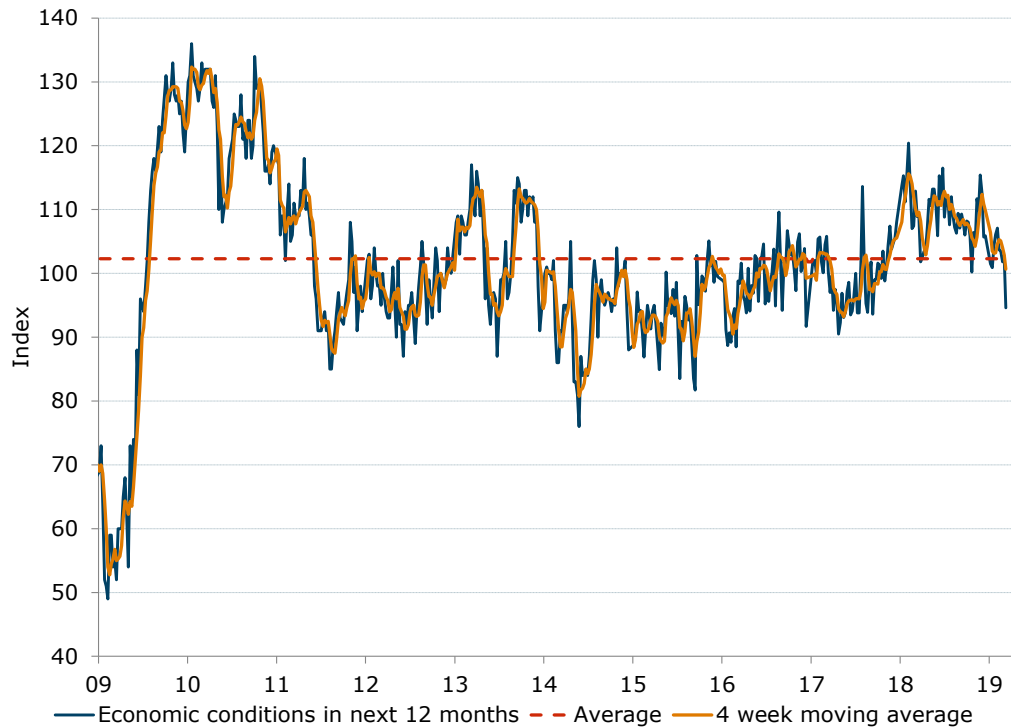


**Figure 3. Future financial conditions drop by 5.4% after a rise of 4.8% in the previous reading**



Source: ANZ-Roy Morgan

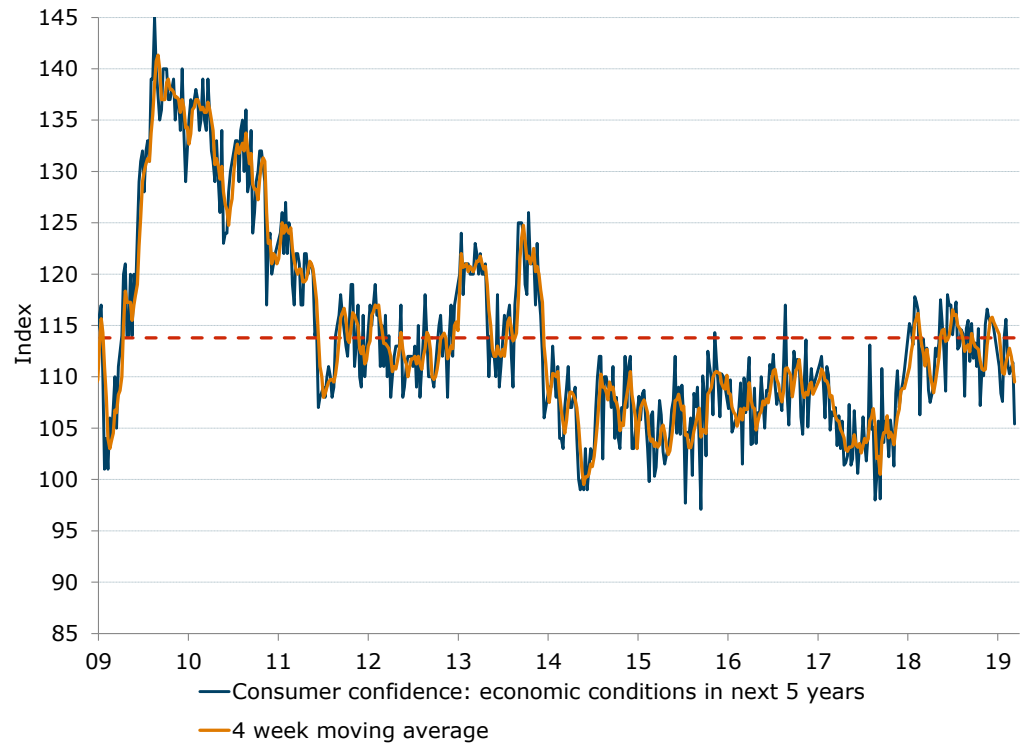
**Figure 4. Sentiment towards current economic conditions, down close to 8%**



Source: ANZ-Roy Morgan

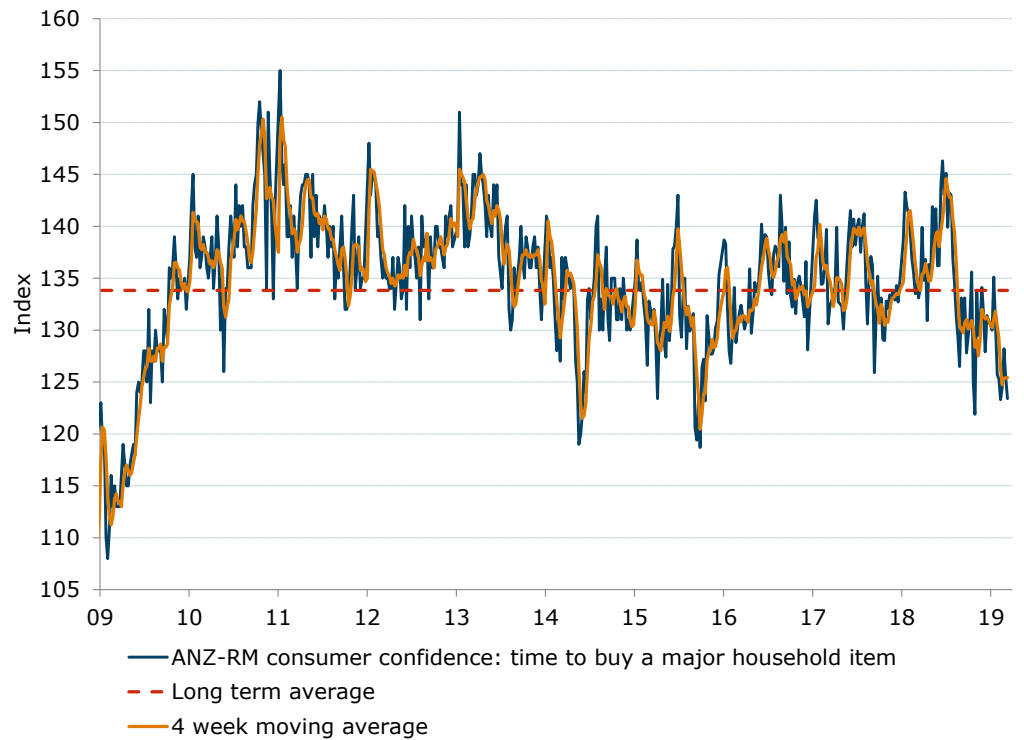


**Figure 5. Future economic conditions well below long run average, falling 5.4%**



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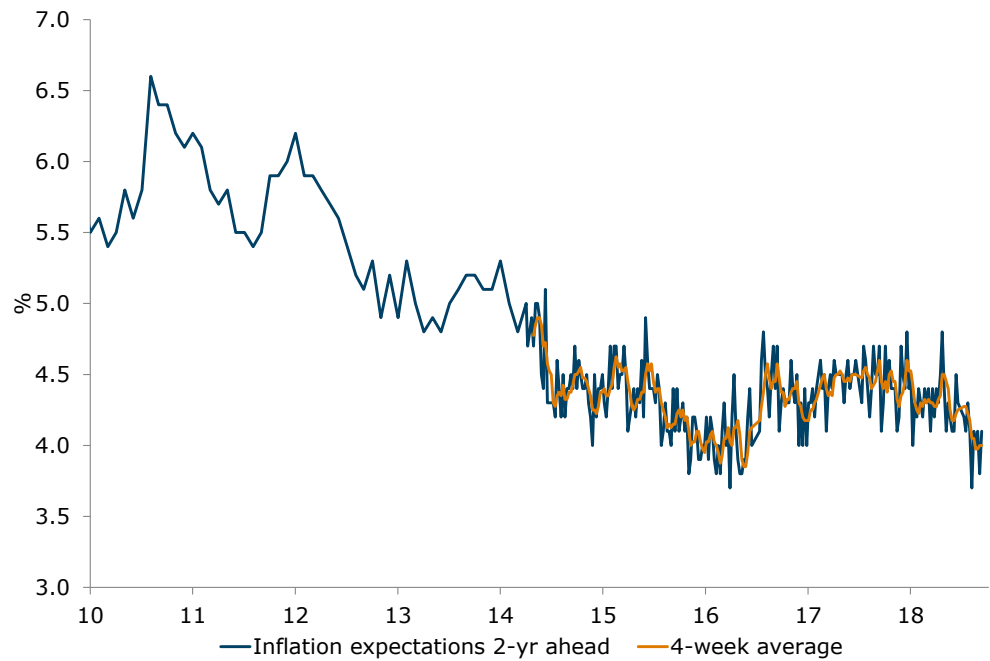
**Figure 6. 'Time to buy a household item' falls by 1.7%**



Source: ANZ-Roy Morgan



**Figure 7. Four-week moving average inflation expectations stable at 4.0%**



\* Data from Oct-2014 is weekly.  
Data prior to that is monthly.

Source: ANZ-Roy Morgan



## Data table

**Table 1. ANZ-Roy Morgan Australian Consumer Confidence**

	Headline index		Subindecies				Inflation Expectations	
	Last week	4-week moving average	1. Financial situation compared to a year ago	2. Financial situation next year	3. Economic conditions next year	4. Economic conditions next 5 years	5. Time to buy a major household item	6. Inflation expectations 2-year ahead (%)
<b>Avg since 2001</b>	116	-	103	124	105	114	134	-
<b>2011 avg</b>	114	-	97	117	101	116	140	6.0
<b>2012 avg</b>	113	-	99	118	97	113	138	5.8
<b>2013 avg</b>	119	-	104	128	106	118	139	5.0
<b>2014 avg</b>	111	-	104	121	94	106	132	4.9
<b>2015 avg</b>	112	-	107	124	94	106	131	4.4
<b>2016 avg</b>	115	-	109	127	99	108	134	4.1
<b>2017 avg</b>	114	-	105	124	100	105	135	4.4
<b>2018 avg</b>	119	-	108	126	109	113	135	4.4
<b>19-Nov-17</b>	116.4	114.3	106.5	124.5	107.4	110.6	133.1	4.6
<b>26-Nov-17</b>	115.0	114.7	104.1	126.5	103.8	107.0	133.8	4.4
<b>3-Dec-17</b>	115.8	115.5	105.9	127.1	104.7	108.5	132.9	4.5
<b>10-Dec-17</b>	115.1	115.6	103.0	123.5	105.6	109.4	134.3	4.5
<b>17-Dec-17</b>	116.5	115.6	106.7	124.1	108.1	110.6	132.7	4.6
<b>7-Jan-18</b>	122.0	117.4	112.9	129.3	113.7	115.2	138.6	4.3
<b>14-Jan-18</b>	123.5	119.3	115.2	129.0	115.3	114.6	143.3	4.7
<b>21-Jan-18</b>	119.4	120.4	104.7	126.2	111.2	113.1	141.9	4.6
<b>28-Jan-18</b>	120.9	121.5	103.0	126.8	115.6	117.8	141.3	4.4
<b>4-Feb-18</b>	122.7	121.6	108.7	127.5	120.4	117.3	139.5	4.2
<b>11-Feb-18</b>	119.5	120.6	105.9	125.2	113.2	116.5	136.9	4.4
<b>18-Feb-18</b>	115.3	119.6	104.2	123.6	107.0	106.3	135.6	4.7
<b>25-Feb-18</b>	117.9	118.9	110.4	125.5	107.4	112.7	133.5	4.5
<b>4-Mar-18</b>	119.0	117.9	109.3	124.6	112.9	113.7	134.4	4.5
<b>11-Mar-18</b>	116.0	117.1	103.3	123.4	108.9	111.5	133.1	4.7
<b>18-Mar-18</b>	118.5	117.9	109.9	126.6	109.2	112.8	134.2	4.1
<b>25-Mar-18</b>	117.4	117.7	106.5	130.2	101.8	108.7	139.9	4.3
<b>1-Apr-18</b>	115.5	116.9	105.6	127.2	102.5	107.5	134.8	4.7
<b>8-Apr-18</b>	115.1	116.6	104.0	122.9	103.4	108.3	136.8	4.4
<b>15-Apr-18</b>	116.0	116.0	108.8	127.2	103.9	109.3	130.9	4.6
<b>22-Apr-18</b>	118.4	116.3	106.2	129.2	107.4	112.8	136.3	4.4
<b>29-Apr-18</b>	119.2	117.2	108.0	129.5	111.6	112.0	135.1	4.4
<b>6-May-18</b>	119.6	118.3	107.1	125.3	110.6	113.3	141.9	4.4
<b>13-May-18</b>	120.8	119.5	107.9	127.1	113.20	117.5	138.1	4.1
<b>20-May-18</b>	121.6	120.3	110.1	127.8	113.20	115.3	141.7	4.2
<b>27-May-18</b>	117.7	119.9	107.1	122.5	110.5	112.4	136.2	4.7
<b>3-Jun-18</b>	116.5	119.2	105.0	126.5	105.9	108.6	136.2	4.5
<b>10-Jun-18</b>	123.0	119.7	109.1	128.5	115.3	118.0	144.0	4.4
<b>17-Jun-18</b>	122.1	119.8	103.8	132.5	110.9	117.0	146.3	4.8
<b>24-Jun-18</b>	121.4	120.8	106.7	123.9	116.5	117.0	143.0	4.4
<b>1-Jul-18</b>	120.4	121.7	109.7	124.2	108.8	114.1	145.1	4.5
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<b>2-Sep-18</b>	117.7	116.6	109.2	123.6	107.1	115.5	133.1	4.4
<b>9-Sep-18</b>	116.2	116.1	104.0	126.2	109.3	111.5	130.1	4.1
<b>16-Sep-18</b>	118.0	117.1	107.8	125.7	108.0	115.2	133.1	4.4
<b>23-Sep-18</b>	117.2	117.3	111.6	128.7	106.0	111.8	127.8	4.2
<b>30-Sep-18</b>	118.1	117.4	112.4	127.2	108.2	113.3	129.4	4.4
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<b>3-Mar-19</b>	114.8	114.6	105.0	129.2	102.7	111.4	125.5	3.8
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Source: ANZ-Roy Morgan



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