

ANZ-Roy Morgan Australian Consumer Confidence Media Release

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Confidence drops on RBA and trade

- Confidence fell by 2.1% last week, closing below its four-week moving average but remaining above the long-term average.
- Financial conditions were not the cause of the fall, with current finances up 2%, while future finances rose 1.4%.
- Economic conditions dropped sharply, however, with current economic conditions down a massive 8.1%, continuing their recent volatile pattern, and future economic conditions falling 3.3%.
- The 'time to buy a household item' also did not help, falling 2.5%. The four-week moving average for inflation expectations rose by 0.2ppt to 4.2%.

ANZ-Roy Morgan Consumer Confidence and inflation expectations

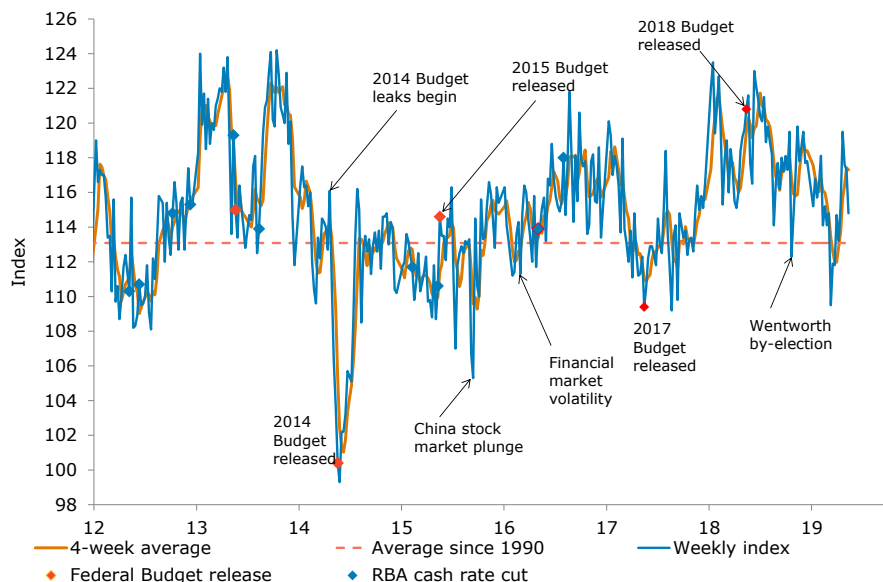
Last week (11-12 May)	Weekly change, %	Four-week average	Monthly average since 1990	Inflation expectations (four-week ma)
114.8	-2.1%	117.3	113.1	4.2%

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 Head of Australian Economics, David Plank, commented:

"The fall in consumer sentiment follows a couple of important developments. Domestically the RBA decided to leave interest rates unchanged after considerable speculation that a rate cut might occur. Globally, the US-China trade dispute resumed with the US increasing tariffs on a wide range of goods. At this stage, consumers see these events as more damaging for overall economic prospects than their own finances. After a period of weakness, inflation expectations jumped to 4.5% for the week, pushing the four week moving average to 4.2% – its highest level since the end of January. The uptrend in petrol prices over the last few weeks may have supported inflation expectations."

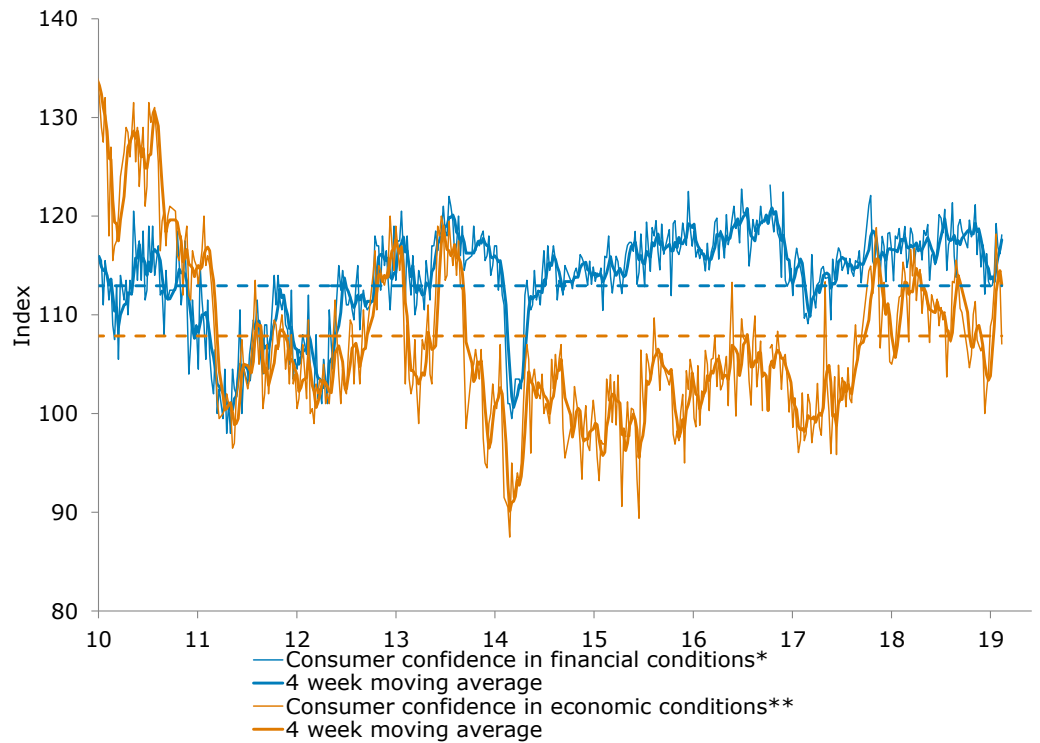
Confidence dropped by 2.1%



Source: ANZ-Roy Morgan



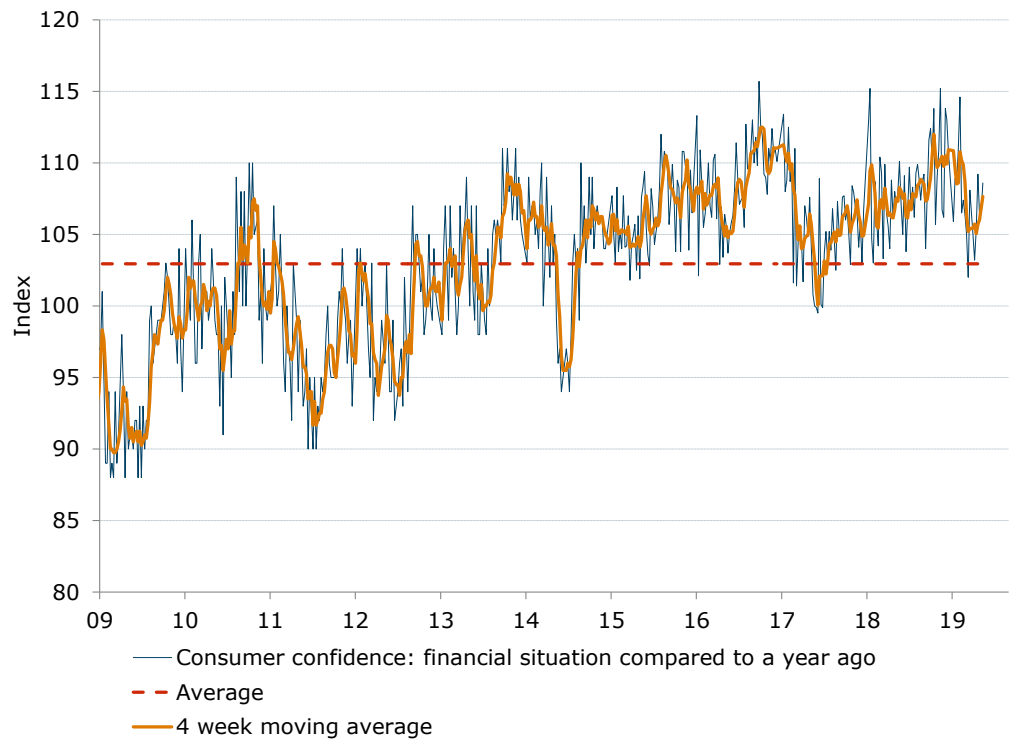
Figure 1. Financial conditions up but consumers less certain about economic conditions



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.

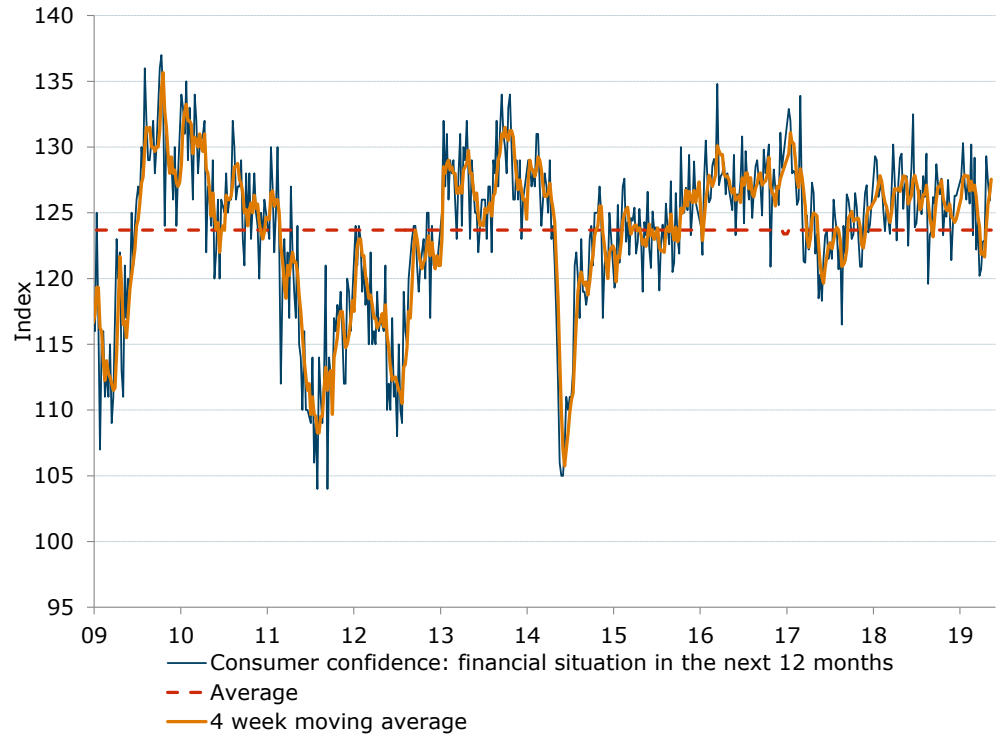
Figure 2. 'Current finances' above short term moving average



Source: ANZ-Roy Morgan

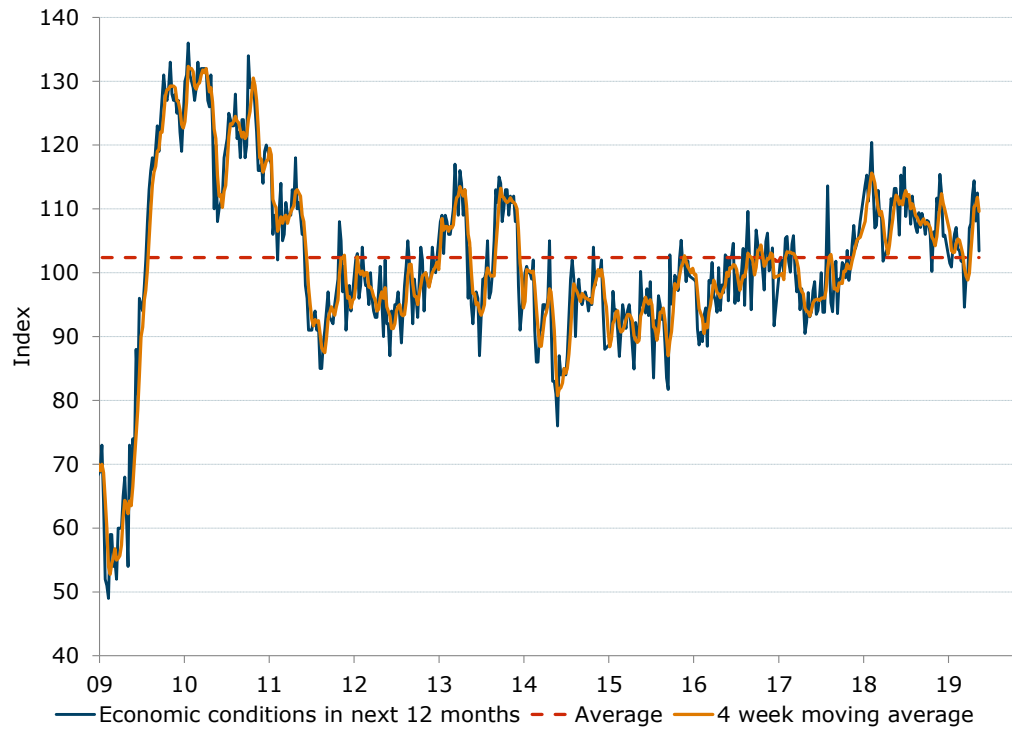


Figure 3. 'Future financial conditions' above average



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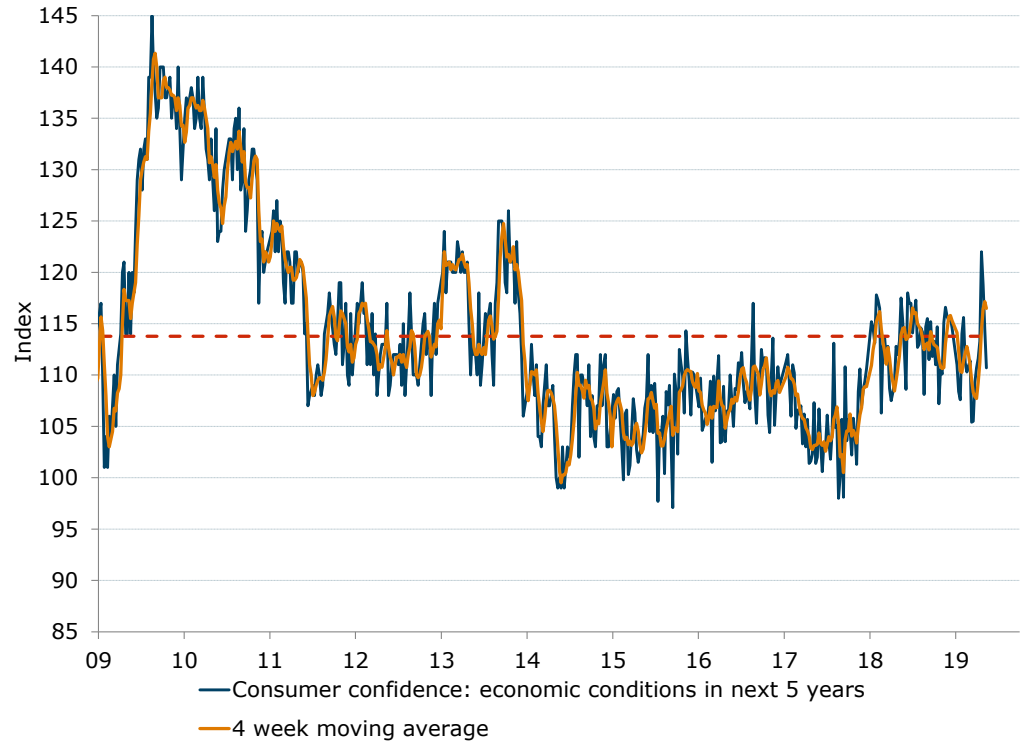
Figure 4. 'Current economic conditions' down by 8.1%



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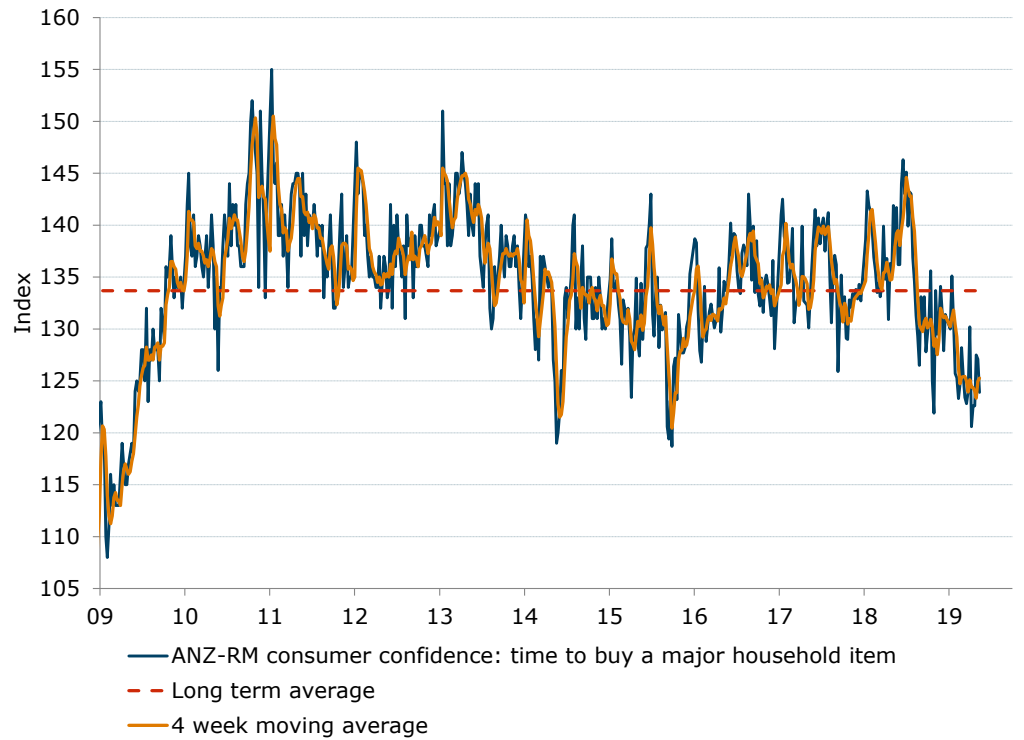


Figure 5. 'Future economic conditions' fell 3.3%: its third consecutive fall



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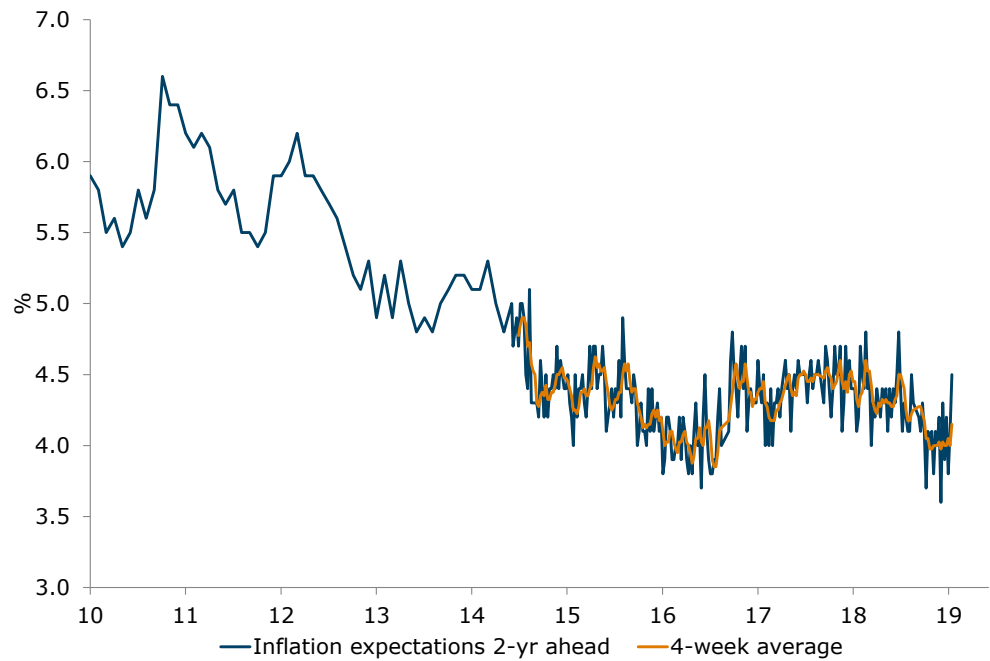
Figure 6. 'Time to buy a household item' struggling well below the long term average



Source: ANZ-Roy Morgan



Figure 7. Four-week moving average inflation expectations jump to 4.2%



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

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