

# ANZ-Roy Morgan Australian Consumer Confidence Media Release

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## Confidence strengthened

- Consumer confidence gained 1.2% last week, more than reversing last week's loss and continuing the recent sawtooth pattern. The gains have been a little more than the losses, so the index reached its 2020 high last week.
- 'Current finances' gained 2% last week, while 'future finances' were marginally down by 0.1%.
- 'Current economic conditions' registered a healthy gain of 6.5% compared to a fall of 4.1% seen last week, while 'future economic conditions' were flat.
- 'Time to buy a major household item' fell 0.9%, adding to the loss of 5% seen in the previous reading. The four-week moving average for 'inflation expectations' fell by 0.1ppt to 4.0%, while the weekly reading remained stable.

## ANZ-Roy Morgan Consumer Confidence and inflation expectations

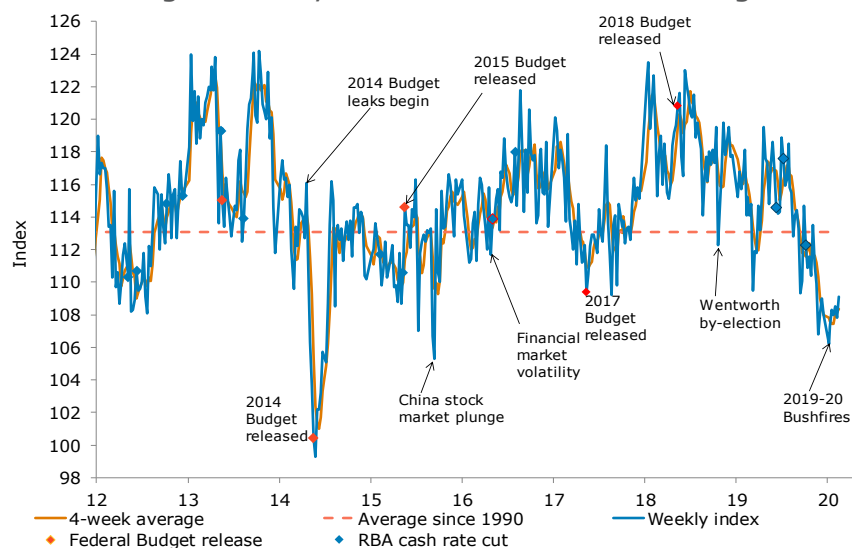
Last weekend (15-16 Feb)	Weekly change, %	Four-week average	Monthly average since 1990	Inflation expectations (4-week ma)
109.1	1.2%	108.4	113.1	4.0%

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 Head of Australian Economics, David Plank, commented:

The ANZ Roy-Morgan Australian Consumer Confidence index has risen to its highest level in 2020, with sentiment possibly buoyed by the continued gains in asset prices. The fact the coronavirus hasn't become established in Australia might be a contributing factor, although the measures taken by the Government to help ensure this remains the case will have economic consequences. This week the key domestic influences on sentiment will be wage and employment data. We aren't expecting the news to be flash, which may see confidence dip over the coming week and so continue the up and down behaviour seen in recent weeks.

## Confidence gains 1.2%, but remains well below average

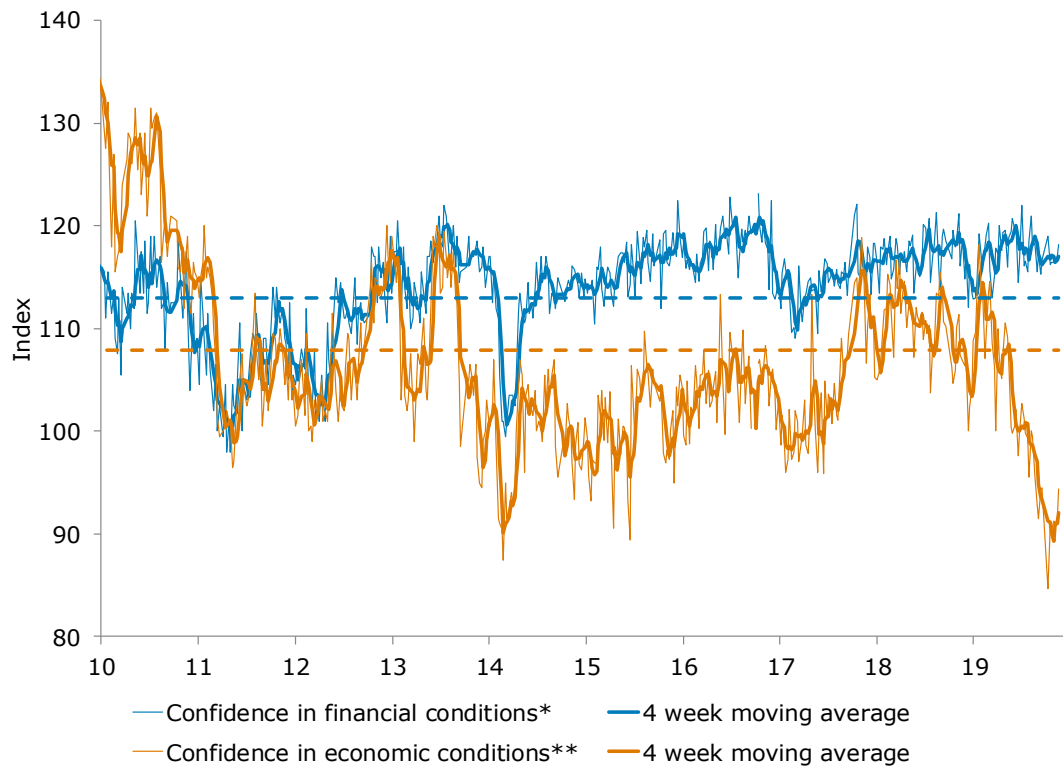


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## Charts

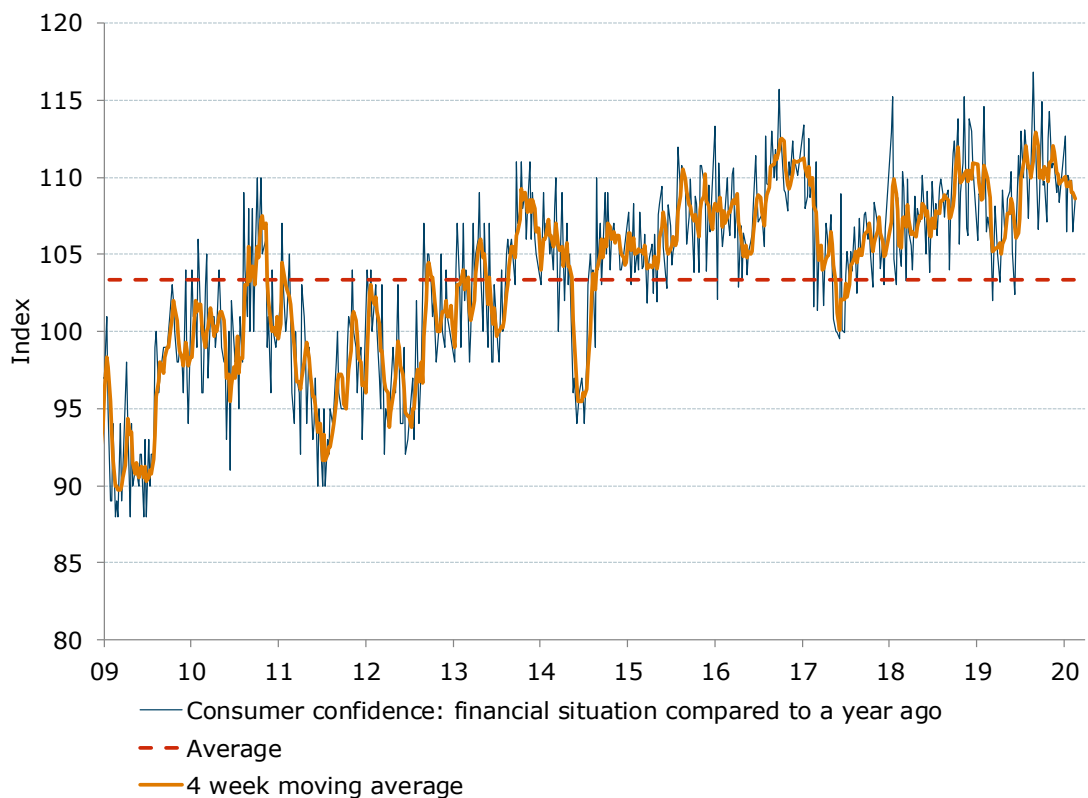
**Figure 1. 'Financial' and 'economic' conditions both higher**



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' gain 2% and remain well above the long-run average**

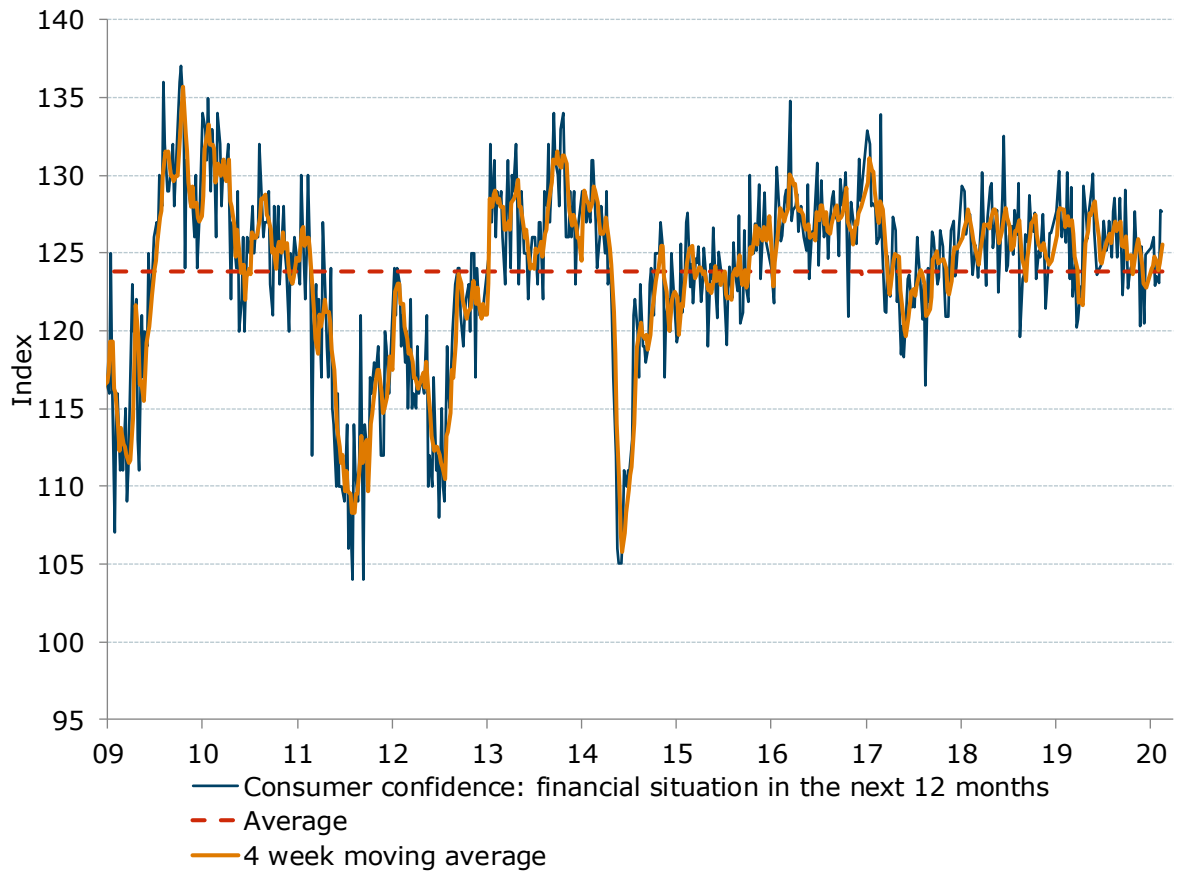


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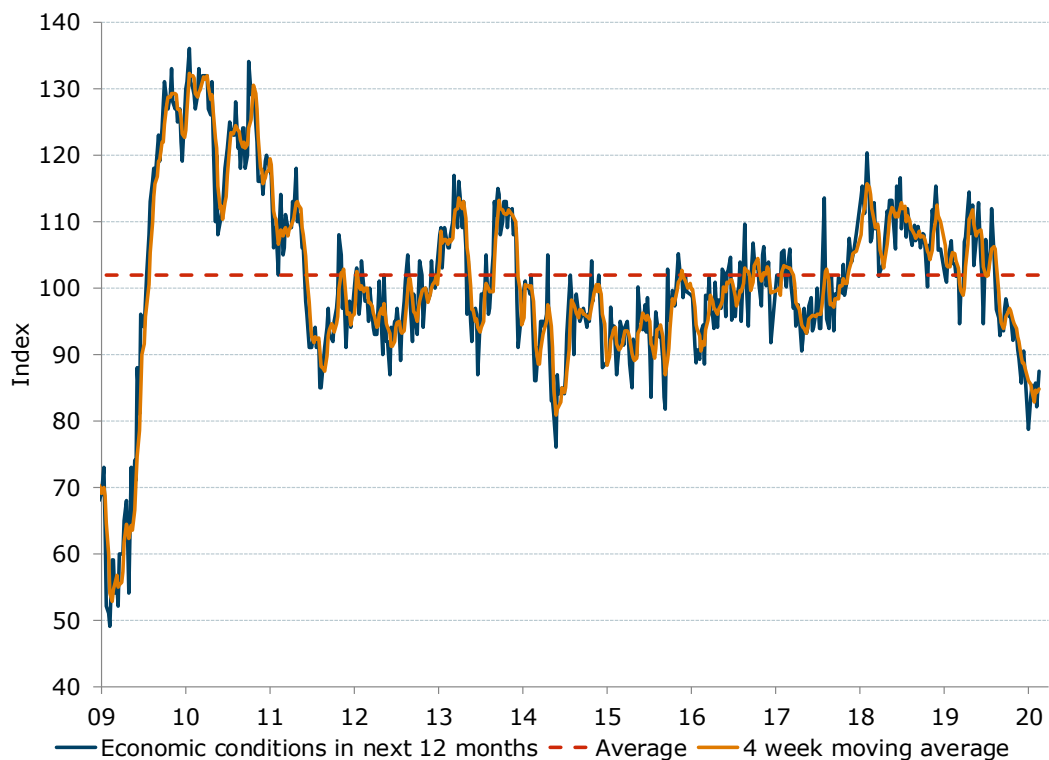
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**Figure 3. 'Future financial conditions' declined 0.1% compared to the previous 3.8% gain**



Source: ANZ-Roy Morgan

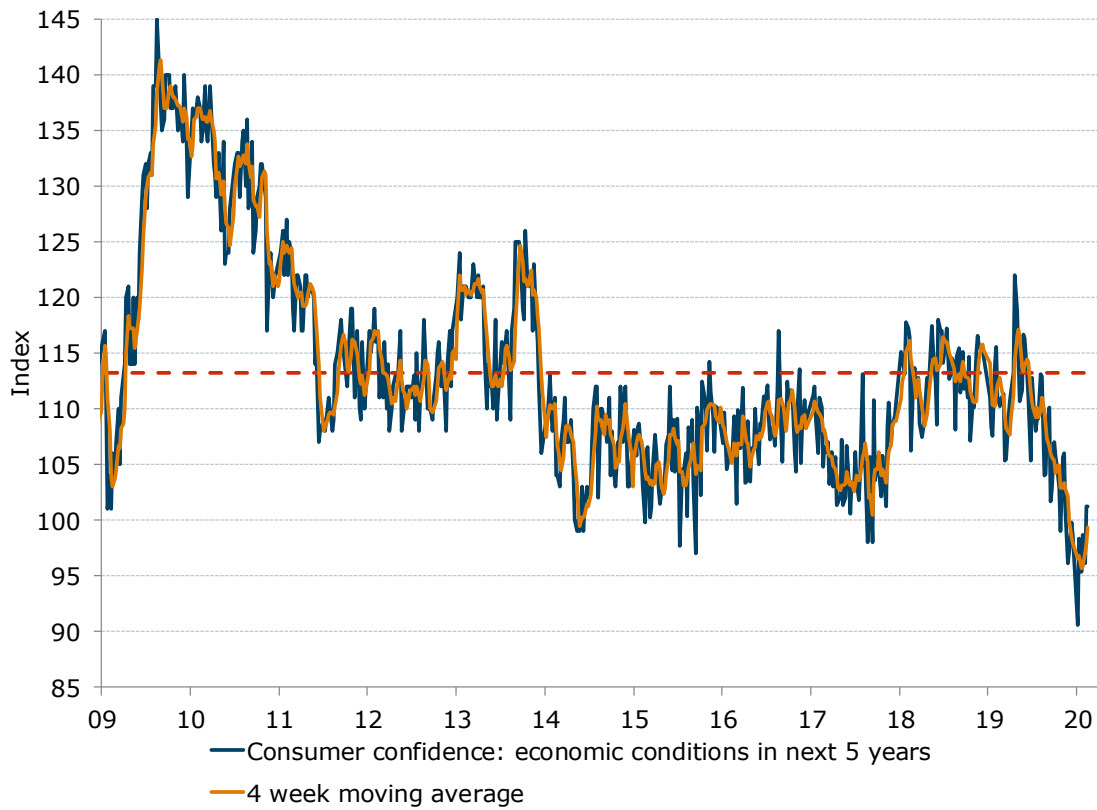
**Figure 4. 'Current economic conditions' up by a healthy 6.5%, but still very weak**



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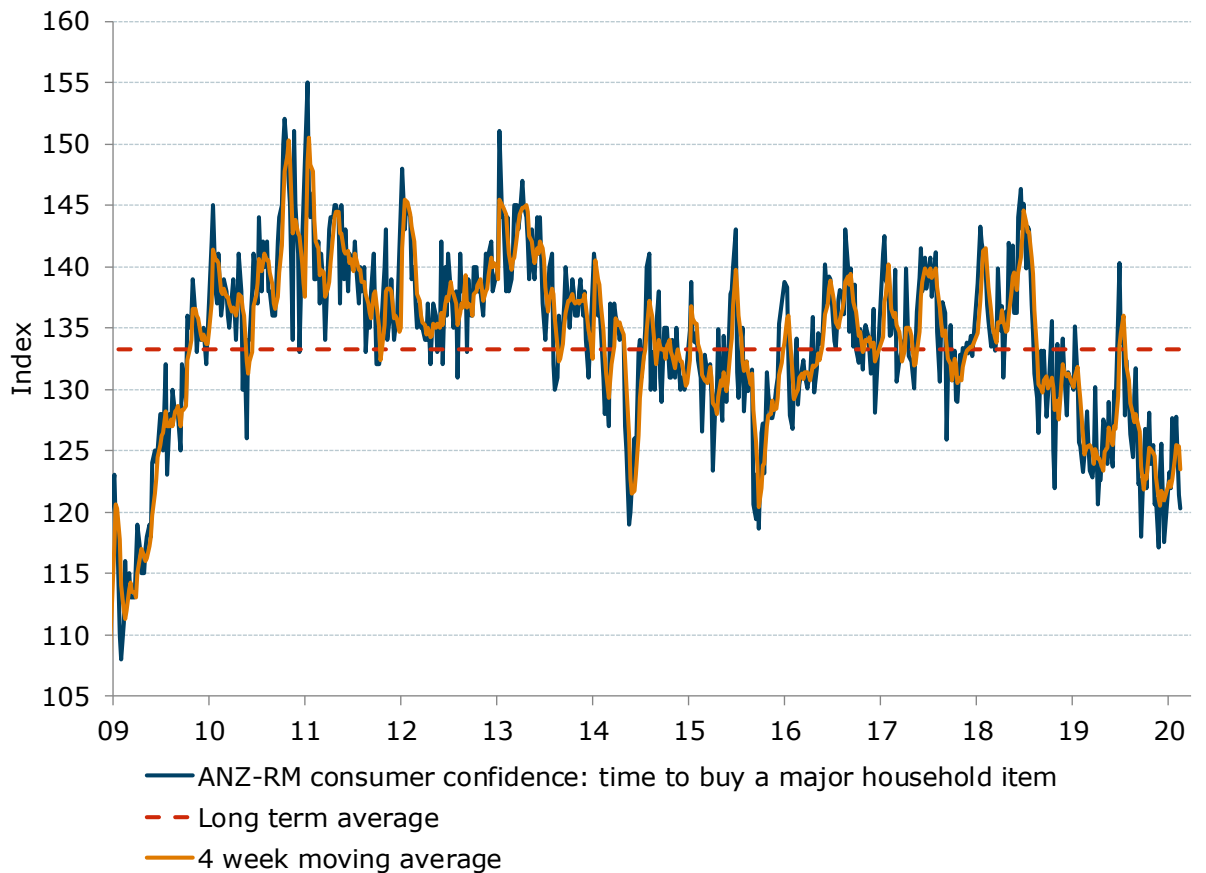


**Figure 5. 'Future economic conditions' flat**



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**Figure 6. 'Time to buy a household item' fell 0.9%**

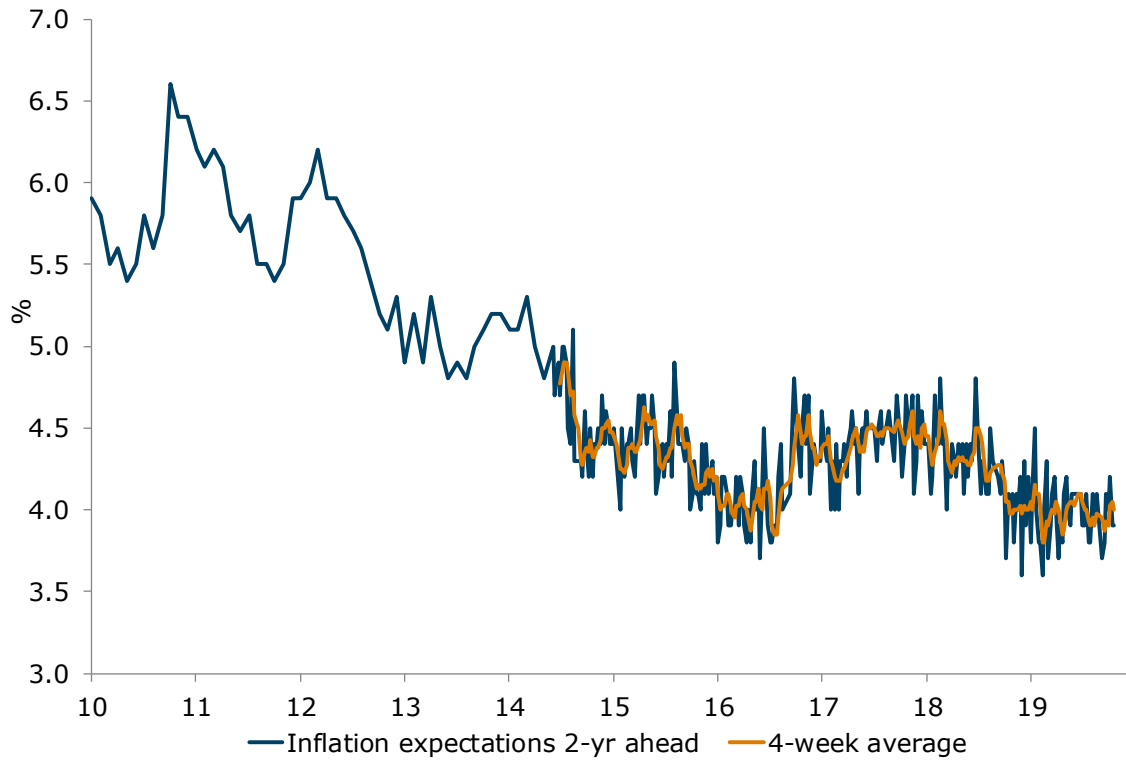


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**Figure 7. Four-week moving average 'inflation expectations' fell by 0.1ppt to 4.0%**



\* 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		Subindices				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>2019 avg</b>	114	-	109	126	101	109	126	4.0
<b>24-Feb-19</b>	114.1	115.4	106.4	123.3	101.8	110.9	128.2	4.1
<b>3-Mar-19</b>	114.8	114.6	105.0	129.2	102.7	111.4	125.5	3.8
<b>10-Mar-19</b>	109.5	113.4	102.0	122.2	94.6	105.4	123.4	4.1
<b>17-Mar-19</b>	111.9	112.6	108.1	124.3	99.1	105.5	122.8	4.0
<b>24-Mar-19</b>	111.8	112.0	106.6	120.2	99.0	109.3	124.0	4.2
<b>31-Mar-19</b>	114.7	112.0	105.0	120.7	107.0	110.7	130.2	3.6
<b>7-Apr-19</b>	113.2	112.9	103.2	122.8	107.7	111.6	120.6	4.3
<b>14-Apr-19</b>	115.3	113.8	105.4	122.9	112.2	113.3	122.6	3.9
<b>21-Apr-19</b>	119.5	115.7	109.2	129.3	114.4	122.0	122.6	4.2
<b>28-Apr-19</b>	117.6	116.4	106.3	127.4	108.1	118.8	127.5	3.8
<b>5-May-19</b>	117.3	117.4	106.5	125.9	112.5	114.5	127.1	4.1
<b>12-May-19</b>	114.8	117.3	108.6	127.6	103.4	110.7	123.9	4.5
<b>19-May-19</b>	117.2	116.7	109.1	129.1	107.3	111.7	129.0	4.0
<b>26-May-19</b>	118.6	117.0	110.4	130.1	110.5	116.7	125.3	3.8
<b>2-Jun-19</b>	116.9	116.9	105.2	126.4	112.8	116.4	123.7	3.8
<b>9-Jun-19</b>	114.6	116.8	102.4	123.6	104.0	113.1	129.8	3.6
<b>16-Jun-19</b>	114.2	116.1	106.4	123.9	101.6	111.0	128.2	4.0
<b>23-Jun-19</b>	114.3	115.0	111.4	124.2	94.6	105.4	136.0	4.3
<b>30-Jun-19</b>	118.9	115.5	109.0	125.5	107.2	112.8	140.3	3.7
<b>7-Jul-19</b>	117.6	116.3	113.0	127.1	103.3	110.9	133.8	3.9
<b>14-Jul-19</b>	115.9	116.7	110.0	125.2	102.3	108.0	133.8	4.1
<b>21-Jul-19</b>	116.3	117.2	113.1	125.6	105.8	109.1	127.9	4.2
<b>28-Jul-19</b>	118.5	117.1	112.1	127.1	111.9	109.1	132.4	4.0
<b>4-Aug-19</b>	115.8	116.6	107.3	124.7	105.1	113.2	128.9	3.7
<b>11-Aug-19</b>	115.5	116.5	110.1	127.7	100.6	112.9	126.3	3.9
<b>18-Aug-19</b>	112.8	115.7	110.3	128.5	96.8	104.0	124.5	3.8
<b>25-Aug-19</b>	114.1	114.6	116.8	124.7	95.4	104.2	129.5	4.1
<b>1-Sep-19</b>	114.4	114.2	113.0	126.3	92.8	108.2	131.7	4.2
<b>8-Sep-19</b>	113.3	113.7	111.7	128.5	94.1	110.1	122.3	4.0
<b>15-Sep-19</b>	109.3	112.8	106.6	122.3	93.5	101.7	122.6	3.9
<b>22-Sep-19</b>	110.1	111.8	108.6	124.3	96.9	102.7	118.0	4.1
<b>29-Sep-19</b>	114.7	111.9	114.9	129.1	98.3	107.0	124.3	4.1
<b>6-Oct-19</b>	112.3	111.6	109.5	122.7	96.6	105.8	126.8	4.1
<b>13-Oct-19</b>	110.9	112.0	109.7	123.5	95.6	104.0	121.9	4.1
<b>20-Oct-19</b>	111.6	112.4	107.1	124.0	95.9	102.9	128.1	4.1
<b>27-Oct-19</b>	110.4	111.3	112.5	124.5	92.1	99.0	123.9	3.9
<b>3-Nov-19</b>	113.5	111.6	114.3	127.7	94.5	105.7	125.5	3.9
<b>10-Nov-19</b>	111.1	111.7	110.6	125.6	93.0	106.0	120.6	4.1
<b>17-Nov-19</b>	109.9	111.2	110.9	125.8	90.6	100.8	121.1	3.8
<b>24-Nov-19</b>	106.8	110.3	110.8	120.3	89.4	96.2	117.1	3.8
<b>1-Dec-19</b>	108.1	109.0	109.0	125.4	85.7	97.2	123.3	4.1
<b>8-Dec-19</b>	109.0	108.5	110.1	120.5	89.0	99.8	125.6	3.9
<b>15-Dec-19</b>	108.0	108.0	108.4	124.9	90.4	98.6	117.6	4.1
<b>5-Jan-20</b>	106.2	107.8	112.7	125.3	78.7	90.6	123.3	3.7
<b>12-Jan-20</b>	107.3	107.6	106.5	126.0	83.5	98.4	121.9	3.8
<b>19-Jan-20</b>	108.3	107.5	110.1	122.9	85.3	95.4	127.6	4.1
<b>26-Jan-20</b>	108.0	107.5	109.5	123.5	83.8	98.7	124.5	4.0
<b>2-Feb-20</b>	108.5	108.0	109.8	123.1	85.6	96.2	127.8	4.2
<b>9-Feb-20</b>	107.8	108.2	106.5	127.8	82.1	101.3	121.4	3.9
<b>16-Feb-20</b>	109.1	108.4	108.6	127.7	87.4	101.3	120.3	3.9

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