# ANZ-Roy Morgan Australian Consumer Confidence Media Release

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### Consolidation

- After two straight weekly gains, confidence declined 0.3% last week.
- `Overall financial conditions' was flat, as a decline of 0.5% in `current finances' was balanced by a similar increase in future finances.
- 'Current economic conditions' fell 1.8%, while 'future economic conditions' gained 3.5% last week.
- `Time to buy a major household item' was down 2.4% compared to a gain of 4.7% previously. The four-week moving average of `inflation expectations' was stable at 3.9%.

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

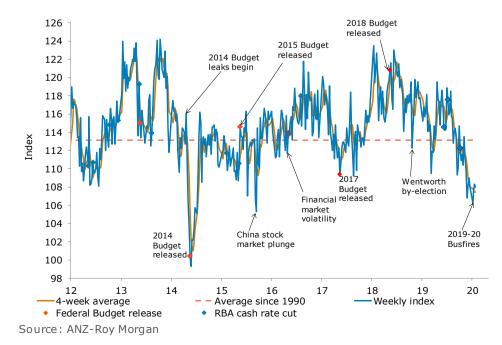
| Last weekend<br>(25-26 Jan) | · ·   |       | Monthly<br>average<br>since 1990 | Inflation<br>expectations<br>(4-week ma) |  |
|-----------------------------|-------|-------|----------------------------------|--|--|
| 108                         | -0.3% | 107.5 | 113.1                            | 3.9%                                     |  |

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:

Confidence declined modestly last week, despite the strong employment number. The news flow around the coronavirus and the potential implications for Chinese and Australian growth likely acted as a material offset to the more positive local news. There are a number of unusual influences on sentiment at present, such as the bushfires and coronavirus and the offsetting impact of strength in the labour market. This makes it more difficult than usual to assess how consumer spending will respond. We think this difficulty will see the RBA opting to wait for more information before it considers a further reduction in the cash rate.

#### Confidence declines 0.3%





Charts

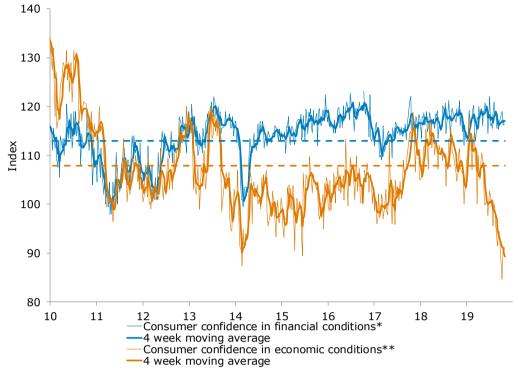


Figure 1. 'Financial conditions' flat, while 'economic conditions' gain

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.

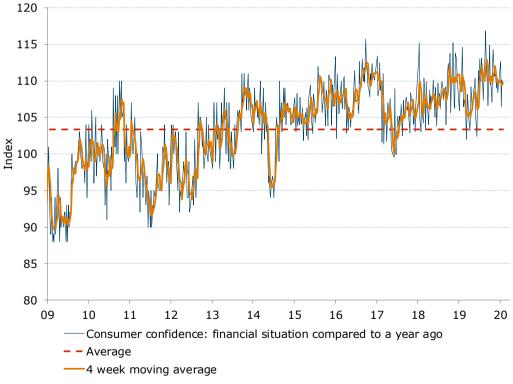


Figure 2. 'Current finances' down 0.5%

Source: ANZ-Roy Morgan



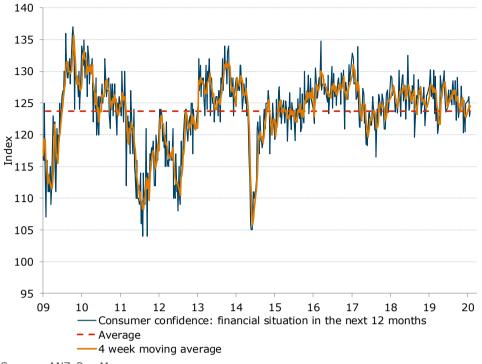
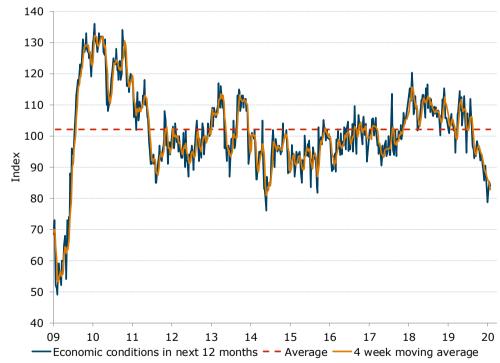


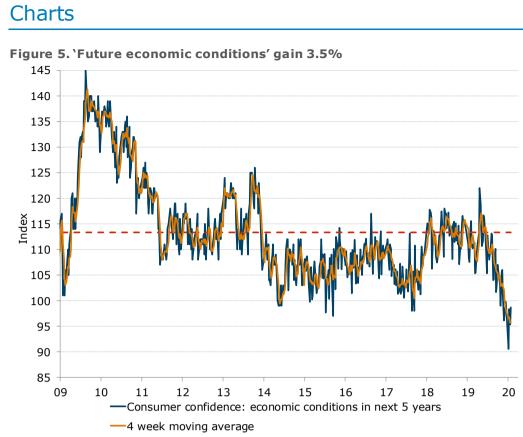
Figure 3. 'Future financial conditions' gain 0.5%

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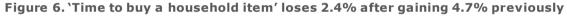


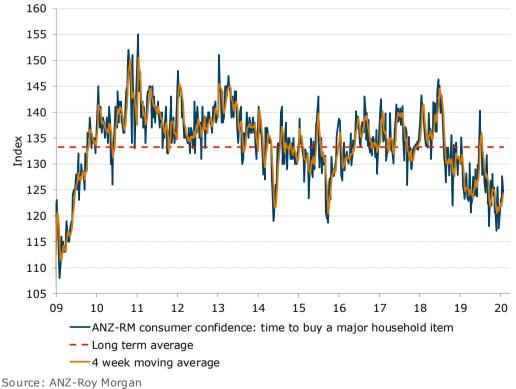


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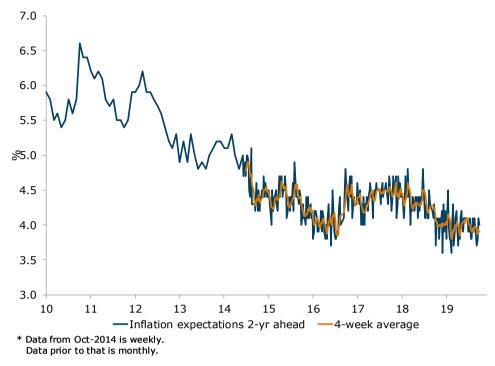
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| Table 1. ANZ-Roy | / Morgan Australian | Consumer Confidence |
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|           | Headline index Subindicies Inflation Experience |                             |  |                                  |  |   |  |  |
|-----------|---|-----------------------------|--|----------------------------------|--|---|--|--|
|           | Last week                                       | 4-week<br>moving<br>average | 1. Financial<br>situation<br>compared to<br>a year ago | 2. Financial situation next year | 3. Economic<br>conditions<br>next year | 4.<br>Economic<br>conditions<br>next 5<br>years | 5. Time to<br>buy a major<br>household<br>item | 6. Inflation<br>expectations 2-year<br>ahead (%) |
| Avg since |   |                             |  |                                  |  |   |  |  |
| 2001      | 116   | -                           | 103  | 124                              | 105                                    | 114   | 134  | -  |
| 2011 avg  | 114   | -                           | 97   | 117                              | 101                                    | 116   | 140  | 6.0  |
| 2012 avg  | 113   | -                           | 99   | 118                              | 97                                     | 113   | 138  | 5.8  |
| 2013 avg  | 119   | -                           | 104  | 128                              | 106                                    | 118   | 139  | 5.0  |
| 2014 avg  | 111   | -                           | 104  | 121                              | 94                                     | 106   | 132  | 4.9  |
| 2015 avg  | 112   | -                           | 107  | 124                              | 94                                     | 106   | 131  | 4.4  |
| 2016 avg  | 115   | -                           | 109  | 127                              | 99                                     | 108   | 134  | 4.1  |
| 2017 avg  | 114   | -                           | 105<br>108   | 124                              | 100                                    | 105   | 135  | 4.4  |
| 2018 avg  | 119   |                             |  | 126                              | 109                                    | 113   | 135  | 4.4  |
| 3-Feb-19  | 118.1   | 116.8                       | 114.6  | 127.7                            | 107.1                                  | 115.6   | 125.3  | 3.7  |
| 10-Feb-19 | 114.1   | 116.1                       | 106.5  | 125.7                            | 103.7                                  | 111.2   | 123.3  | 4.1  |
| 17-Feb-19 | 115.2   | 116.0                       | 107.4  | 130.2                            | 103.5                                  | 110.3   | 124.6  | 4.0  |
| 24-Feb-19 | 114.1   | 115.4                       | 106.4  | 123.3                            | 101.8                                  | 110.9   | 128.2  | 4.1  |
| 3-Mar-19  | 114.8   | 114.6                       | 105.0  | 129.2                            | 102.7                                  | 111.4   | 125.5  | 3.8  |
| 10-Mar-19 | 109.5   | 113.4                       | 102.0  | 122.2                            | 94.6                                   | 105.4   | 123.4  | 4.1  |
| 17-Mar-19 | 111.9   | 112.6                       | 108.1  | 124.3                            | 99.1                                   | 105.5   | 122.8  | 4.0  |
| 24-Mar-19 | 111.8   | 112.0                       | 106.6  | 120.2                            | 99.0                                   | 109.3   | 124.0  | 4.2  |
| 31-Mar-19 | 114.7   | 112.0                       | 105.0  | 120.7                            | 107.0                                  | 110.7   | 130.2  | 3.6  |
| 7-Apr-19  | 113.2   | 112.9                       | 103.2  | 122.8                            | 107.7                                  | 111.6   | 120.6  | 4.3  |
| 14-Apr-19 | 115.3   | 113.8                       | 105.4  | 122.9                            | 112.2                                  | 113.3   | 122.6  | 3.9  |
| 21-Apr-19 | 119.5   | 115.7                       | 109.2  | 129.3                            | 114.4                                  | 122.0   | 122.6  | 4.2  |
| 28-Apr-19 | 117.6   | 116.4                       | 106.3  | 127.4                            | 108.1                                  | 118.8   | 127.5  | 3.8  |
| 5-May-19  | 117.3   | 117.4                       | 106.5  | 125.9                            | 112.5                                  | 114.5   | 127.1  | 4.1  |
| 12-May-19 | 114.8   | 117.3                       | 108.6  | 127.6                            | 103.4                                  | 110.7   | 123.9  | 4.5  |
| 19-May-19 | 117.2   | 116.7                       | 109.1  | 129.1                            | 107.3                                  | 111.7   | 129.0  | 4.0  |
| 26-May-19 | 118.6   | 117.0                       | 110.4  | 130.1                            | 110.5                                  | 116.7   | 125.3  | 3.8  |
| 2-Jun-19  | 116.9   | 116.9                       | 105.2  | 126.4                            | 112.8                                  | 116.4   | 123.7  | 3.8  |
| 9-Jun-19  | 114.6   | 116.8                       | 102.4  | 123.6                            | 104.0                                  | 113.1   | 129.8  | 3.6  |
| 16-Jun-19 | 114.2   | 116.1                       | 106.4  | 123.9                            | 101.6                                  | 111.0   | 128.2  | 4.0  |
| 23-Jun-19 | 114.3   | 115.0                       | 111.4  | 124.2                            | 94.6                                   | 105.4   | 136.0  | 4.3  |
| 30-Jun-19 | 118.9   | 115.5                       | 109.0  | 125.5                            | 107.2                                  | 112.8   | 140.3  | 3.7  |
| 7-Jul-19  | 117.6   | 116.3                       | 113.0  | 127.1                            | 103.3                                  | 110.9   | 133.8  | 3.9  |
| 14-Jul-19 | 115.9   | 116.7                       | 110.0  | 125.2                            | 102.3                                  | 108.0   | 133.8  | 4.1  |
| 21-Jul-19 | 116.3   | 117.2                       | 113.1  | 125.6                            | 105.8                                  | 109.1   | 127.9  | 4.2  |
| 28-Jul-19 | 118.5   | 117.1                       | 112.1  | 127.1                            | 111.9                                  | 109.1   | 132.4  | 4.0  |
| 4-Aug-19  | 115.8   | 116.6                       | 107.3  | 124.7                            | 105.1                                  | 113.2   | 128.9  | 3.7  |
| 11-Aug-19 | 115.5   | 116.5                       | 110.1  | 127.7                            | 100.6                                  | 112.9   | 126.3  | 3.9  |
| 18-Aug-19 | 112.8   | 115.7                       | 110.3  | 128.5                            | 96.8                                   | 104.0   | 124.5  | 3.8  |
| 25-Aug-19 | 114.1   | 114.6                       | 116.8  | 124.7                            | 95.4                                   | 104.2   | 129.5  | 4.1  |
| 1-Sep-19  | 114.4   | 114.2                       | 113.0  | 126.3                            | 92.8                                   | 108.2   | 131.7  | 4.2  |
| 8-Sep-19  | 113.3   | 113.7                       | 111.7  | 128.5                            | 94.1                                   | 110.1   | 122.3  | 4.0  |
| 15-Sep-19 | 109.3   | 112.8                       | 106.6  | 122.3                            | 93.5                                   | 101.7   | 122.6  | 3.9  |
| 22-Sep-19 | 110.1   | 111.8                       | 108.6  | 124.3                            | 96.9                                   | 102.7   | 118.0  | 4.1  |
| 29-Sep-19 | 114.7   | 111.9                       | 114.9  | 129.1                            | 98.3                                   | 107.0   | 124.3  | 4.1  |
| 6-Oct-19  | 112.3   | 111.6                       | 109.5  | 122.7                            | 96.6                                   | 105.8   | 126.8  | 4.1  |
| 13-Oct-19 | 110.9   | 112.0                       | 109.7  | 123.5                            | 95.6                                   | 104.0   | 121.9  | 4.1  |
| 20-Oct-19 | 111.6   | 112.4                       | 107.1  | 124.0                            | 95.9                                   | 102.9   | 128.1  | 4.1  |
| 27-Oct-19 | 110.4   | 111.3                       | 112.5  | 124.5                            | 92.1                                   | 99.0  | 123.9  | 3.9  |
| 3-Nov-19  | 113.5   | 111.6                       | 114.3  | 127.7                            | 94.5                                   | 105.7   | 125.5  | 3.9  |
| 10-Nov-19 | 111.1   | 111.7                       | 110.6  | 125.6                            | 93.0                                   | 106.0   | 120.6  | 4.1  |
| 17-Nov-19 | 109.9   | 111.2                       | 110.9  | 125.8                            | 90.6                                   | 100.8   | 121.1  | 3.8  |
| 24-Nov-19 | 106.8   | 110.3                       | 110.8  | 120.3                            | 89.4                                   | 96.2  | 117.1  | 3.8  |
| 1-Dec-19  | 108.1   | 109.0                       | 109.0  | 125.4                            | 85.7                                   | 97.2  | 123.3  | 4.1  |
| 8-Dec-19  | 109.0   | 108.5                       | 110.1  | 120.5                            | 89.0                                   | 99.8  | 125.6  | 3.9  |
| 15-Dec-19 | 108.0   | 108.0                       | 108.4  | 124.9                            | 90.4                                   | 98.6  | 117.6  | 4.1  |
| 5-Jan-20  | 106.2   | 107.8                       | 112.7  | 125.3                            | 78.7                                   | 90.6  | 123.3  | 3.7  |
| 12-Jan-20 | 107.3   | 107.6                       | 106.5  | 126.0                            | 83.5                                   | 98.4  | 121.9  | 3.8  |
| 19-Jan-20 | 108.3   | 107.5                       | 110.1  | 122.9                            | 85.3                                   | 95.4  | 127.6  | 4.1  |
| 26-Jan-20 | 108.0   | 107.5                       | 109.5  | 123.5                            | 83.8                                   | 98.7  | 124.5  | 4.0  |

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