# ANZ-Roy Morgan Australian Consumer Confidence Media Release

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### Confidence down a touch

- Confidence fell 0.6% last week, reversing a bit over half the prior week's increase. This continues the recent sawtooth pattern. Confidence remains well below average.
- In a repeat of last week's pattern, there were largely oversetting moves within the sub-components of financial and economic conditions. 'Current financial conditions' dropped 3%, while 'future financial conditions' were up 3.8%. In a similar pattern, the 4.1% drop in 'current economic conditions' didn't quite offset the 5.3% lift in 'future economic conditions'.
- 'Time to buy a major household item' fell 5%, to its lowest level since mid-December. The four-week moving average of 'inflation expectations' was unchanged at 4.1%.

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

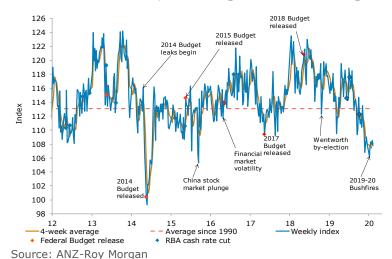
Last weekend (8-9 Feb)	Weekly change, %	Four-week average	Monthly average since 1990	Inflation expectations (4-week ma)
107.8	-0.6%	108.2	113.1	4.1%

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:

Consumer confidence has displayed a sawtooth pattern in recent weeks, with offsetting moves in many of the components leading to a lack of overall direction. Last week's upbeat assessment of the outlook by the RBA may have buoyed 'future economic conditions', which rose to their highest level since mid-November. 'Future financial conditions' also rose sharply, jumping to their highest level since early November. Sentiment around current conditions, though, was lower, as were views on whether it was 'time to buy a major household item'. Heavy rain and floods in parts of the east coast and the coronavirus epidemic may have contributed to the weakness in these aspects of the survey. Overall, consumers are cautious, and it is difficult to see this lessening any time soon.

#### Confidence falls 0.6%, remaining well below average



140 130 120 Index 110 100 90 80 12 13 14 15 16 17 Consumer confidence in financial conditions\* 10 11 18 19 4 week moving average

Figure 1. 'Financial' and 'economic' conditions were both up a touch

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.

Consumer confidence in economic conditions\*\*

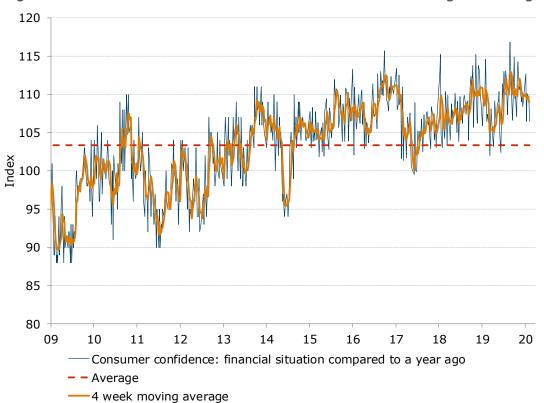


Figure 2. 'Current finances' fell 3% but remain well above the long-run average

4 week moving average



Figure 3. 'Future financial conditions' rose 3.8%

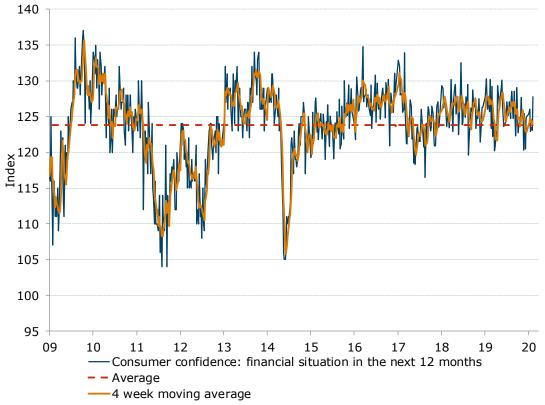


Figure 4. 'Current economic conditions' struggled to sustain any recovery

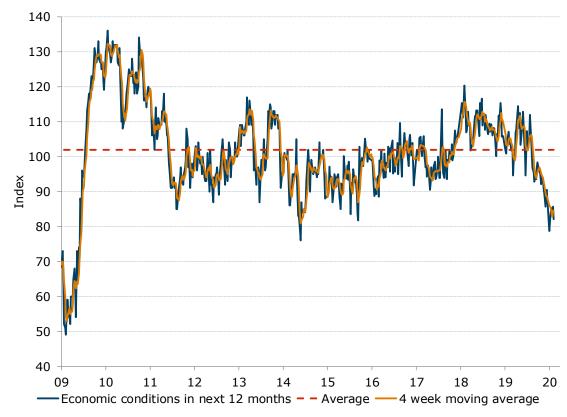




Figure 5. 'Future economic conditions' rose 5.3% continuing the bounce from last week

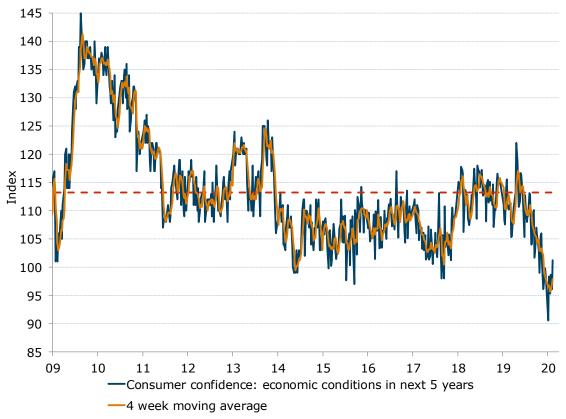


Figure 6. 'Time to buy a household item' fell 5% after rising 2.7% previously

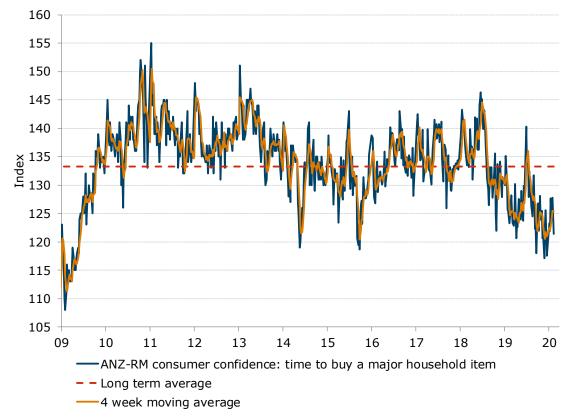
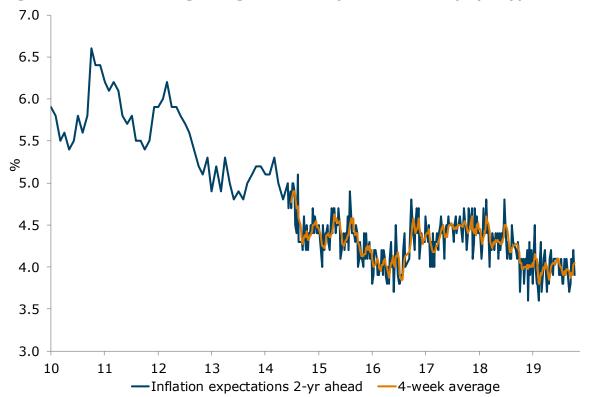




Figure 7. Four-week moving average 'inflation expectations' was up by 0.1ppt to 4.1%



<sup>\*</sup> Data from Oct-2014 is weekly. Data prior to that is monthly.



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

	Headline index			Subindicies			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 (%)	
Avg since 2001	116		102	124	105	112	134	<u>-</u>	
2011 avg	116 114	-	103 97	117	105 101	113 116	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	-	105 108	124 126	100 109	105 113	135 135	4.4 4.4	
2018 avg 2019 avg	119 114	-	109	126	101	109	126	4.4	
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 14-Apr-19	113.2 115.3	112.9 113.8	103.2 105.4	122.8 122.9	107.7 112.2	111.6 113.3	120.6 122.6	4.3 3.9	
21-Apr-19	119.5	115.6	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	114.6 114.2	116.8 116.1	102.4 106.4	123.6 123.9	104.0 101.6	113.1 111.0	129.8 128.2	3.6 4.0	
16-Jun-19 23-Jun-19	114.2	115.1	111.4	123.9	94.6	105.4	136.0	4.3	
30-Jun-19	114.9	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 18-Aug-19	115.5 112.8	116.5 115.7	110.1 110.3	127.7 128.5	100.6 96.8	112.9 104.0	126.3 124.5	3.9 3.8	
25-Aug-19	114.1	114.6	116.8	124.7	95.4	104.0	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 20-Oct-19	110.9 111.6	112.0 112.4	109.7 107.1	123.5 124.0	95.6 95.9	104.0 102.9	121.9 128.1	4.1 4.1	
27-Oct-19	111.0	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 5-Jan-20	108.0 106.2	108.0 107.8	108.4 112.7	124.9 125.3	90.4 78.7	98.6 90.6	117.6 123.3	4.1 3.7	
12-Jan-20	100.2	107.6	106.5	126.0	83.5	98.4	123.3	3.8	
19-Jan-20	107.3	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	
2-Feb-20	108.5	108.0	109.8	123.1	85.6	96.2	127.8	4.2	
9-Feb-20	107.8	108.2	106.5	127.8	82.1	101.3	121.4	3.9	

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