

## ANZ-ROY MORGAN AUSTRALIAN CONSUMER CONFIDENCE MEDIA RELEASE

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### CONSUMER CONFIDENCE: UP, DOWN, UP, DOWN

- The recent sawtooth pattern of headline ANZ-Roy Morgan Australian Consumer Confidence has continued, with the latest reading down 0.8% and entirely reversing the prior week's gain. The details were mixed, with gains in views towards current financial and future economic conditions partially offsetting falls in the remaining subindices.
- Households' optimism towards current financial conditions improved 0.5% last week, on the back of a 2.9% increase in the previous week. Meanwhile, households were less optimistic about future financial conditions, which decreased 1.3%.
- Consumers' assessment of current economic conditions declined 2.7% last week, partially unwinding the 4.1% gain in the previous week. Meanwhile, views towards future economic conditions were up 1.4% last week following a 0.3% rise in the previous week.
- The 'time to buy a household item' subindex fell 1.7% – its third consecutive weekly decline – to its lowest point in 16 weeks. Four week moving average inflation expectations edged back up to 4.3%.

### ANZ HEAD OF AUSTRALIAN ECONOMICS, DAVID PLANK, COMMENTED:

"Disappointingly, confidence was unable to hold on to its previous gain. Last week's positive surprise on retail sales may have been outweighed by news of the decline in house prices and slowing housing credit. The drop means the recent sawtooth pattern in confidence continues. But looking through this recent pattern, confidence has generally been rising since April. The strong Q2 retail sales print was consistent with this rise in consumer confidence.

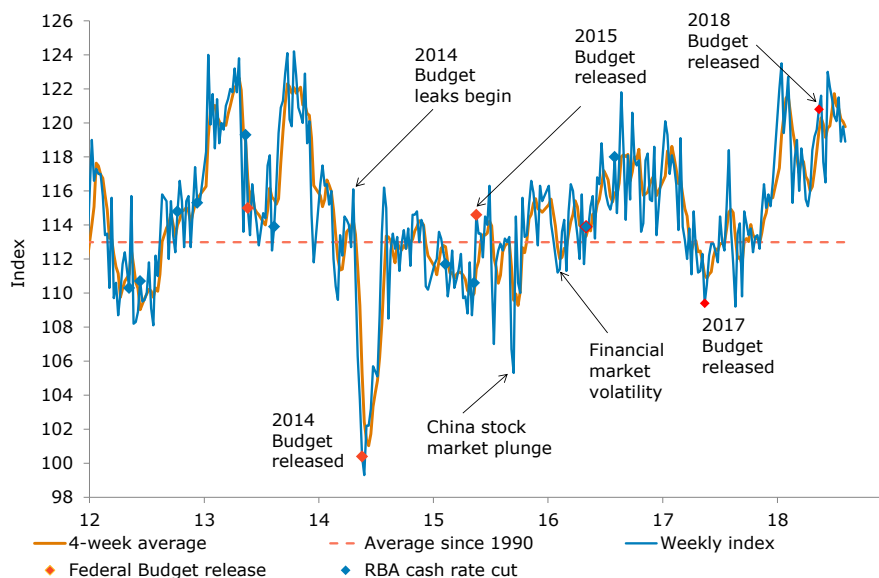
Given the fall in house prices, high levels of household debt and an already low savings rate future consumption growth is likely to depend heavily on wage growth. On this front, we look to the WPI print out on 15 August, to provide some comfort that wages growth is past its bottom and will gradually move up."

**Figure 1. ANZ-Roy Morgan Australian Consumer Confidence and inflation expectations**

Last week (4-5 August)	Weekly change, %	Four-week average	Monthly average since 1990	Inflation expectations (four-week ma)
118.9	-0.8%	119.8	113.0	4.3%

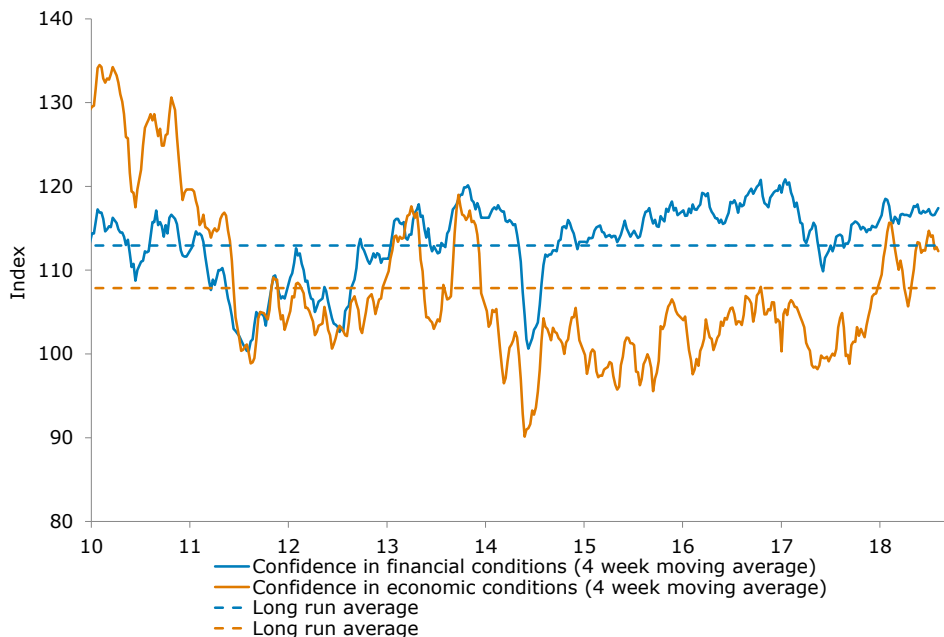
Data collected last weekend (Saturday and Sunday), based on around 1,000 face-to-face interviews. Not seasonally adjusted. Further data history on page 5.

**Figure 2. Confidence fell 0.8% last week**



Source: ANZ-Roy Morgan

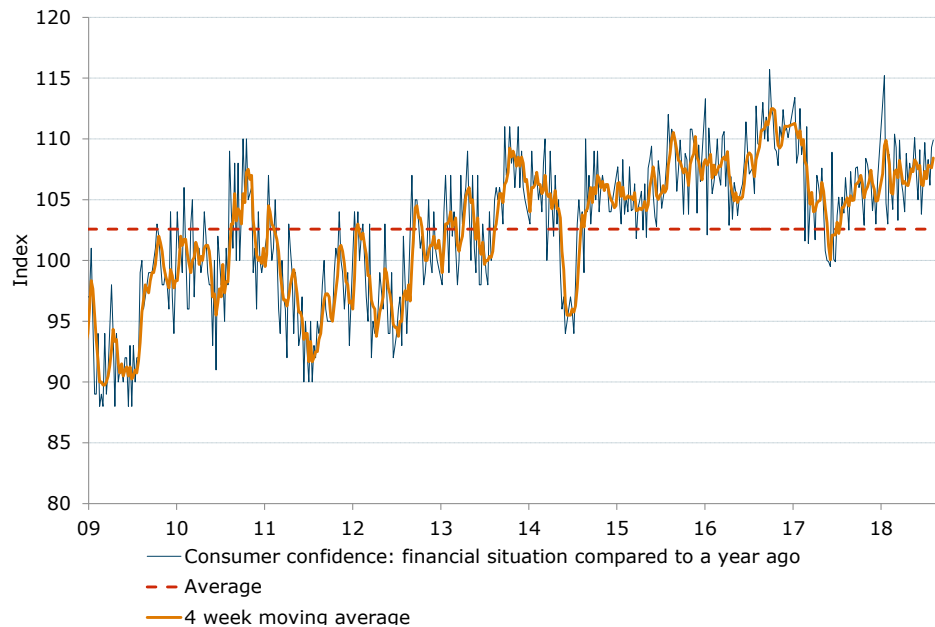
**Figure 3. Aggregate economic conditions weakened a touch in July**



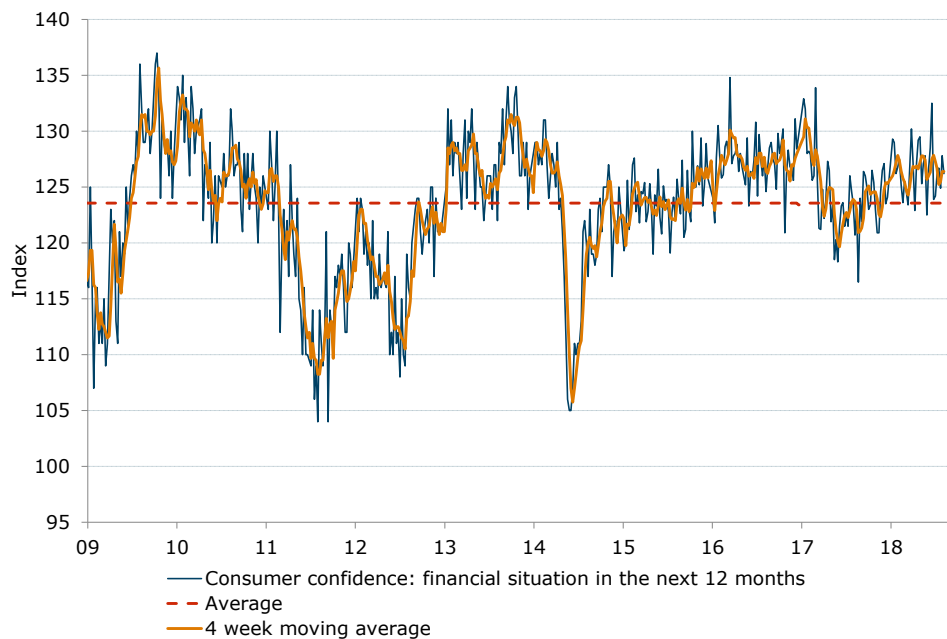
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Note: Financial conditions index is an average of 'financial situation compared to a year ago' and 'financial situation next year' sub-indices. Economic conditions index is an average of 'economic conditions in 12 months' and 'economic conditions in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

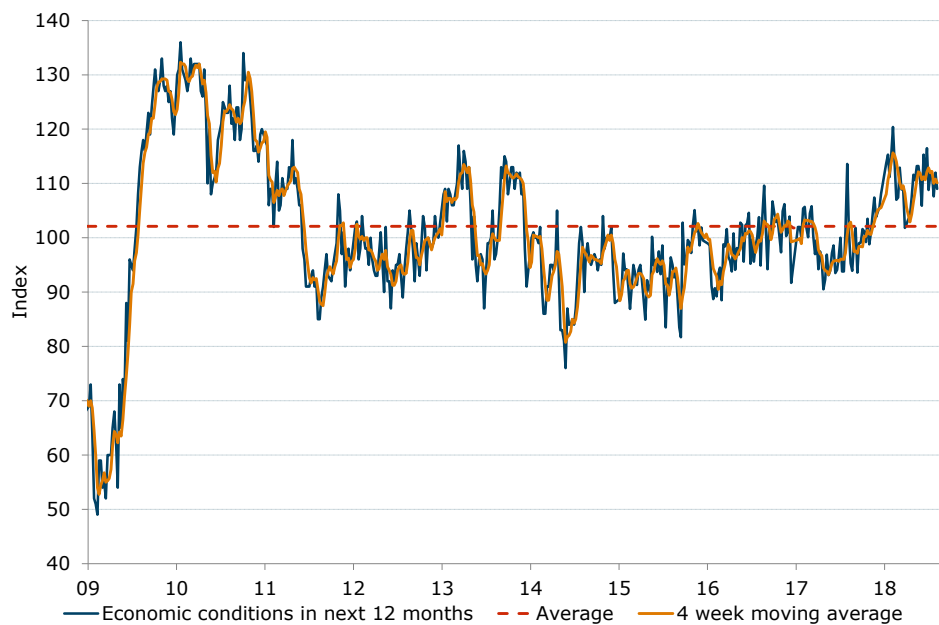
**Figure 4. Views towards current finances are at an eleven week high.**



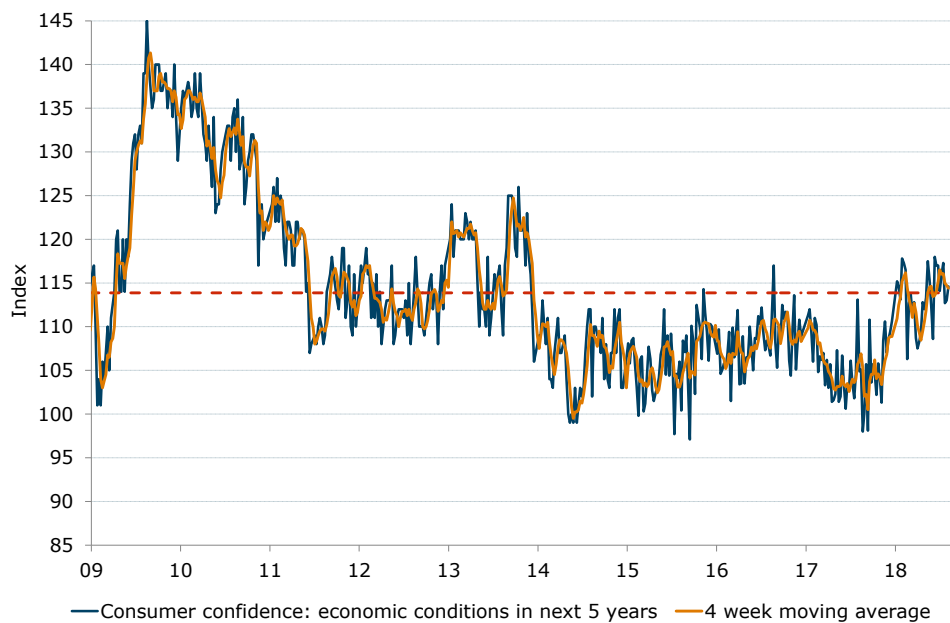
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**Figure 5. Sentiment around future financial conditions fell 1.3%.**

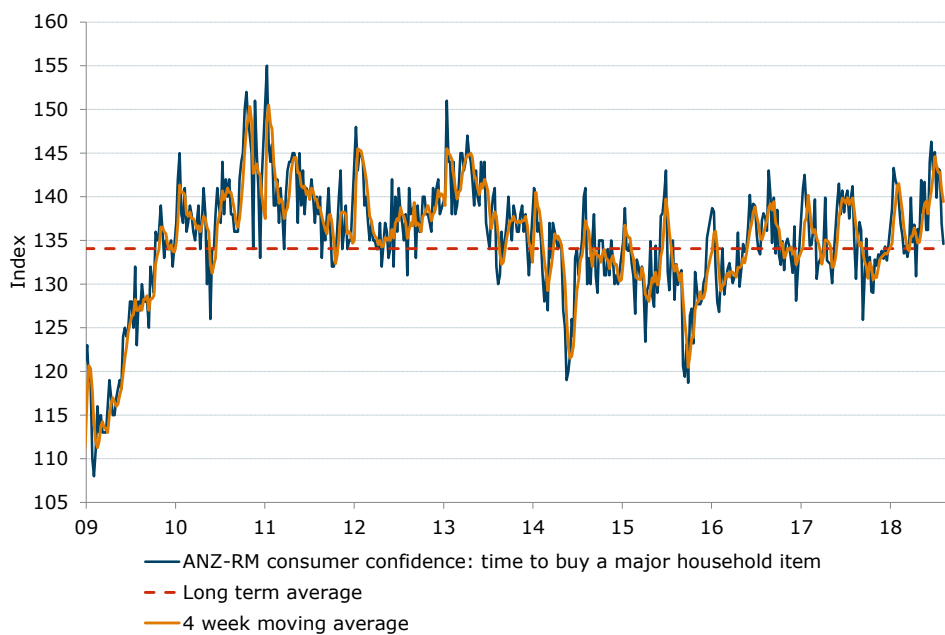
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**Figure 6. Sentiment towards current economic conditions decreased 2.7%.**

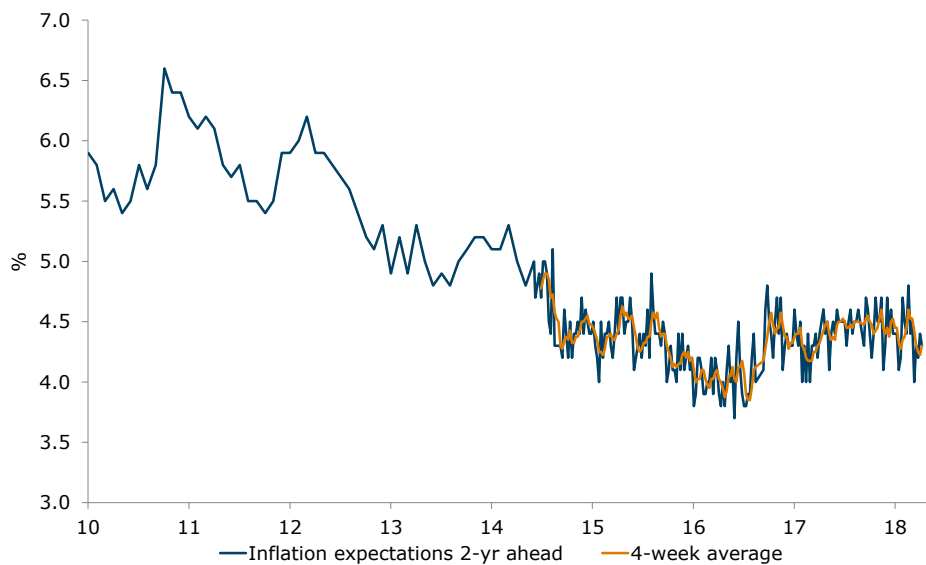
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**Figure 7. ...though views towards future economic conditions were up 1.4%**

Source: ANZ-Roy Morgan

**Figure 8. The 'time to buy a household item' subindex is at a 16-week low**

Source: ANZ-Roy Morgan

**Figure 9. Four-week moving average inflation expectations edged up to 4.3%**

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

Source: ANZ-Roy Morgan

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	-	102	124	105	114	135	-
<b>2010 avg</b>	124	-	101	127	124	130	139	5.7
<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>8-Jan-17</b>	120.1	116.9	113.4	132.9	102.0	111.3	141.0	4.1
<b>15-Jan-17</b>	119.3	117.9	108.0	132.0	102.0	112.0	142.5	4.6
<b>22-Jan-17</b>	117.0	117.5	108.8	128.0	100.0	109.3	138.9	4.8
<b>29-Jan-17</b>	118.1	118.6	112.5	128.2	105.4	106.0	138.3	4.5
<b>5-Feb-17</b>	117.5	118.0	108.7	127.9	105.7	111.0	134.4	4.4
<b>12-Feb-17</b>	116.4	117.3	109.8	125.6	101.7	110.2	134.5	4.2
<b>19-Feb-17</b>	113.7	116.4	101.6	126.0	100.1	104.8	136.3	4.5
<b>26-Feb-17</b>	119.1	116.7	111.0	133.9	104.5	106.6	139.7	4.7
<b>5-Mar-17</b>	113.9	115.8	101.4	125.6	105.8	106.2	130.6	4.4
<b>12-Mar-17</b>	113.1	115.0	104.5	121.3	100.3	107.0	132.3	4.7
<b>19-Mar-17</b>	112.0	114.5	105.5	121.2	97.0	103.3	132.8	4.1
<b>26-Mar-17</b>	113.8	113.2	104.6	124.8	99.6	106.2	133.4	4.3
<b>2-Apr-17</b>	111.1	112.5	101.7	122.2	94.2	103.0	134.1	4.4
<b>9-Apr-17</b>	114.8	112.9	107.0	123.9	97.5	105.7	139.9	4.3
<b>16-Apr-17</b>	112.6	113.1	106.2	127.3	95.6	101.4	132.7	4.3
<b>23-Apr-17</b>	111.2	112.4	104.9	126.5	90.5	101.6	132.5	4.3
<b>30-Apr-17</b>	111.3	112.5	107.6	121.9	92.3	102.3	132.3	4.6
<b>7-May-17</b>	112.3	111.9	104.1	123.4	96.9	107.3	130.1	4.4
<b>14-May-17</b>	109.4	111.1	100.8	118.5	93.1	101.4	133.3	4.3
<b>21-May-17</b>	110.5	110.9	100.0	120.3	93.9	102.0	136.3	4.5
<b>28-May-17</b>	112.2	111.1	99.9	118.3	97.2	106.7	139.1	4.0
<b>4-Jun-17</b>	112.9	111.3	99.5	121.5	98.6	103.3	141.5	4.3
<b>11-Jun-17</b>	112.9	112.1	108.9	123.3	93.5	100.6	138.0	4.0
<b>18-Jun-17</b>	112.4	112.6	100.1	123.6	94.1	103.4	140.7	4.4
<b>25-Jun-17</b>	111.8	112.5	99.9	121.5	96.4	103.0	138.2	4.0
<b>2-Jul-17</b>	114.5	112.9	103.7	122.5	100.0	106.1	140.0	4.3
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<b>1-Oct-17</b>	113.4	113.0	106.0	123.0	101.6	105.7	130.7	4.6
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