

## ANZ-ROY MORGAN AUSTRALIAN CONSUMER CONFIDENCE MEDIA RELEASE

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### CONSUMER CONFIDENCE DIPS AGAIN

- ANZ-Roy Morgan Australian Consumer Confidence fell again this week, the headline index dropping by 1.8% from last week to 111.7 and below the long term average of 112.9. Three out of the five sub-indices posted declines, with the sharpest fall in current economic conditions.
- Consumers' sentiment towards current economic conditions remained sombre, with a fall of 6% coming straight after the prior week's sharp decline of more than 10%. In contrast, the measure of future economic conditions was up touch to 105.1, just above the long term average for the first time since March.
- Attitudes toward current financial conditions fell 2%, largely reversing the previous week's improvement. On the flipside, views towards future financial conditions were up 1.9% but are still below the long-run average – if only just.
- The 'time to buy a major household item' fell a 3.0% last week and is now well below its long-run average.
- Inflation expectations edged up to 4.6%, a third consecutive weekly rise. The four week moving average stayed at 4.4%.

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

"After a period of recovery consumer sentiment has been moving lower in recent weeks and has now dropped below its long-run average. In terms of the most recent move it is possible that the increased tensions around North Korea may have impacted sentiment. More broadly, we think it will be difficult for consumer confidence to sustain any material rise until we see a lift in wage growth. Especially when we consider the high debt levels of households and the pressures they are facing from rising energy costs, among other things.

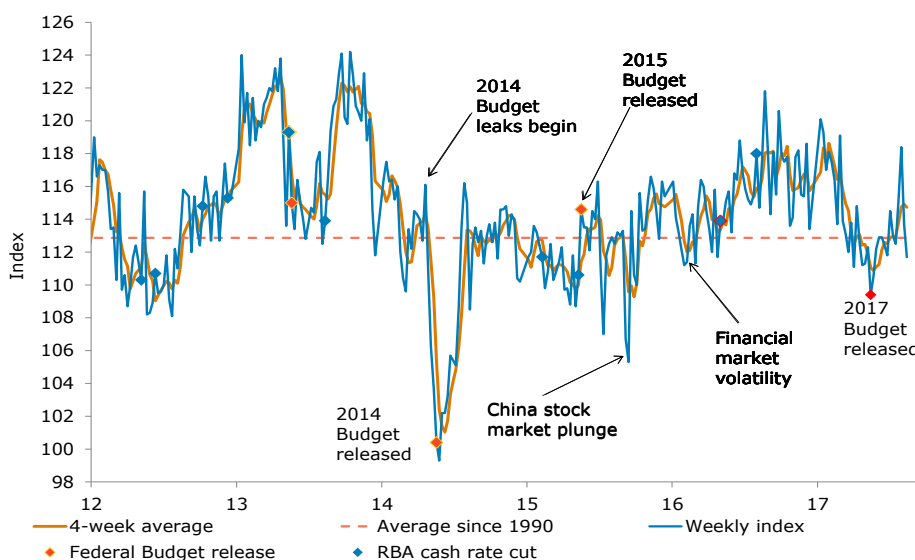
As far as wages are concerned, we get important data this week in the form of the Q2 Wage Price Index. This is expected to show that wage growth remains subdued. We do note, however, that while the headline reports on the Q1 release were all about the drop in annual wage growth to a record low the quarterly data actually showed a small acceleration. This gave us the confidence to conclude that wage growth had bottomed. It is possible that this week's data could reveal a further small acceleration, which holds out the prospect of better news on the wages front over the coming year."

**Figure 1. Weekly ANZ-Roy Morgan consumer confidence and inflation expectations**

Last week (12-13 August)	Weekly change, %	4-week average	Monthly average since 1990	Inflation expectations (4-week ma)
111.7	-1.8%	114.7	112.9	4.6%

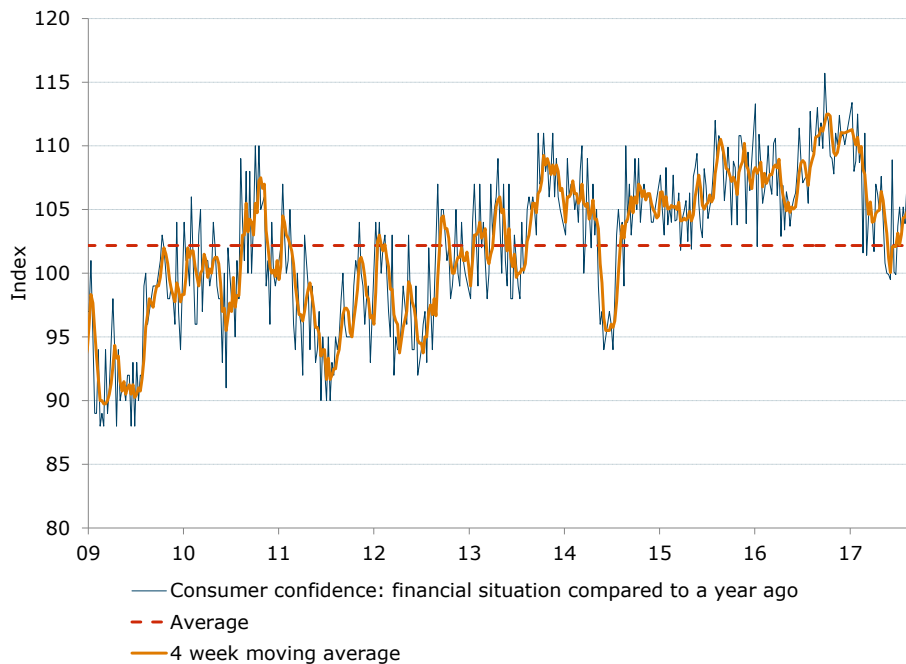
Data collected last weekend (Saturday and Sunday), based on around 1,000 face-to-face interviews. Not seasonally adjusted. Further data history on page 5.

**Figure 2. Consumer confidence dipped below its long term average this week**



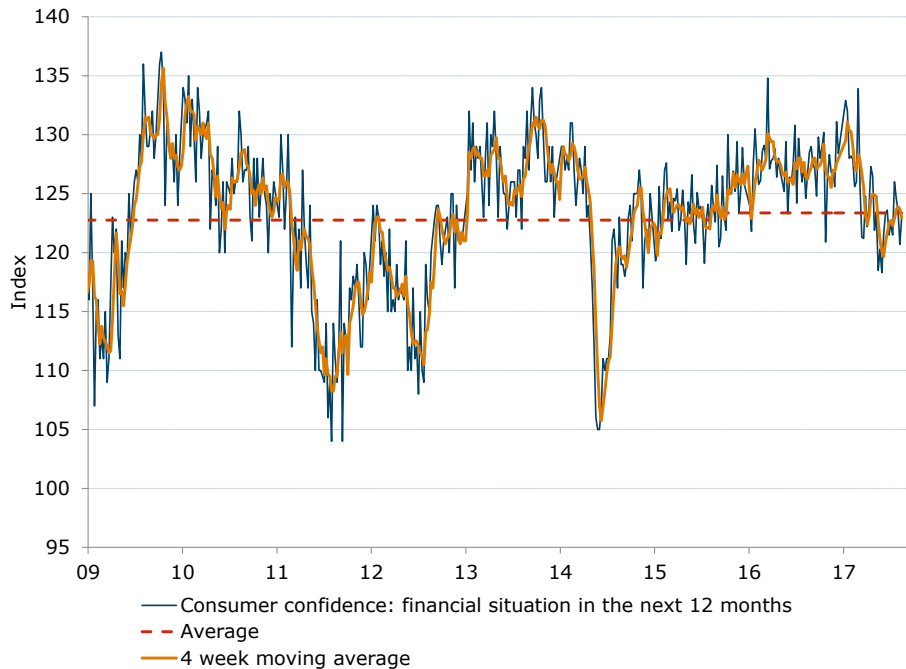
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**Figure 3. Confidence in current financial conditions weakened a touch**



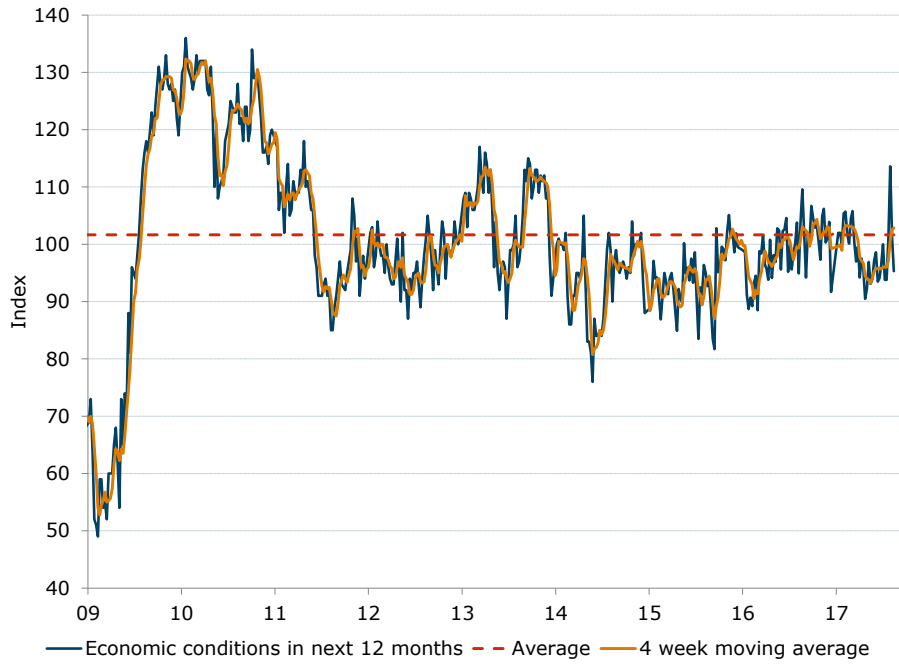
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**Figure 4. Consumers a little more upbeat on future financial conditions**



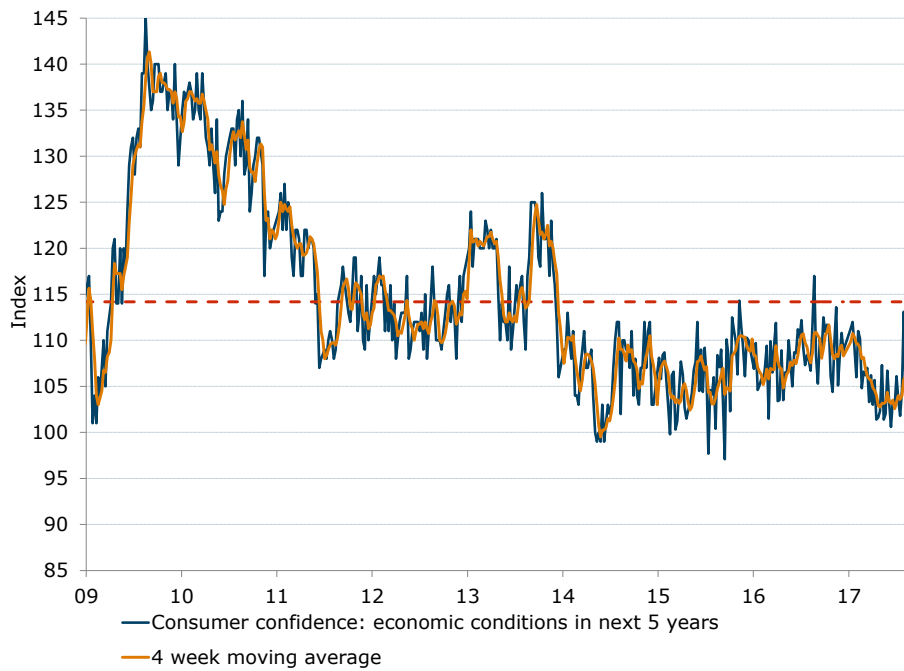
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**Figure 5. Sentiment around current economic conditions down again**



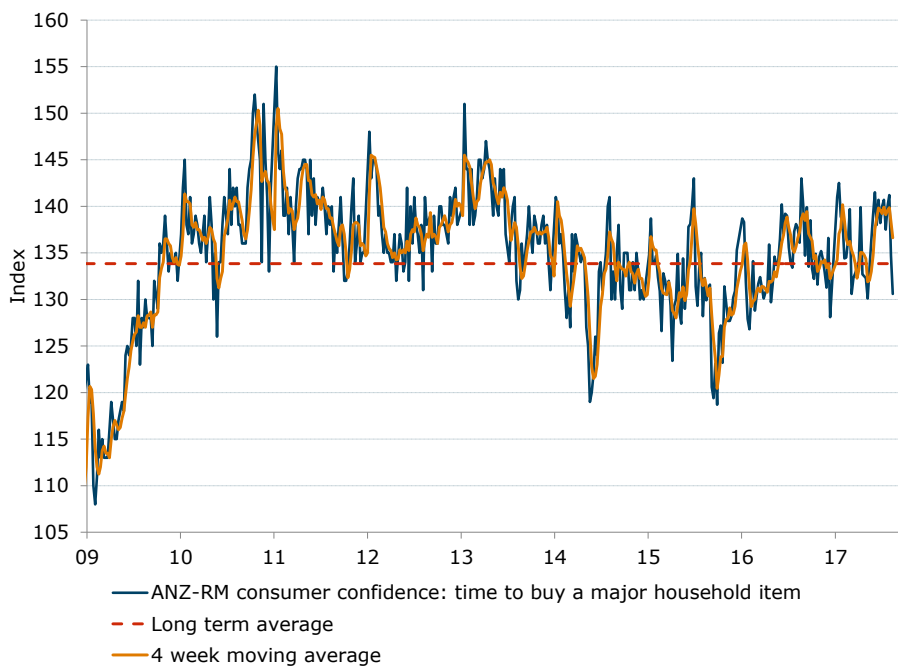
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**Figure 6. Confidence in the five-year economic outlook unchanged on the week**

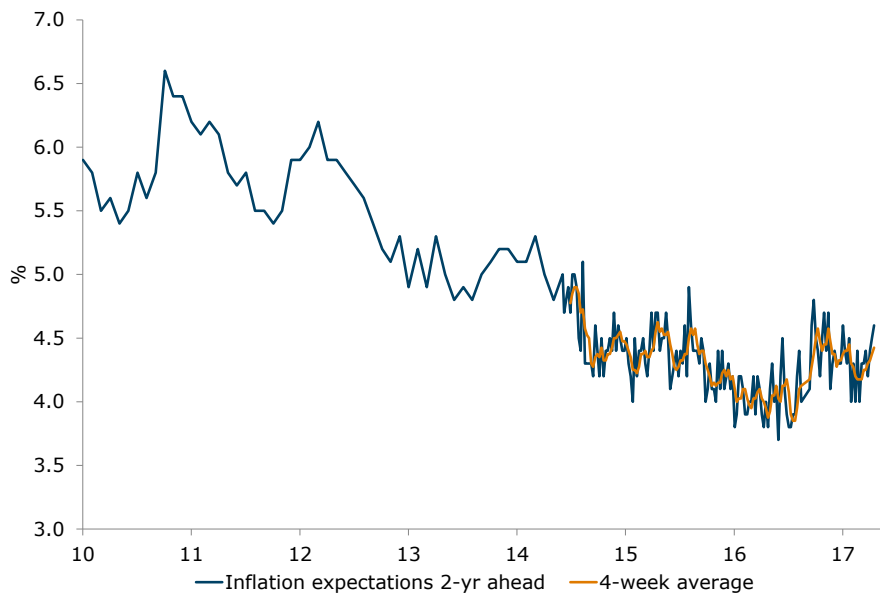


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**Figure 7. The 'Time to buy a major household item' saw a sharp fall**



**Figure 8. Four-week moving average inflation expectations rose to 4.6%**



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

Source: ANZ-Roy Morgan

Table 1. 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>3-Jan-16</b>	116.3	115.2	113.3	124.0	98.9	106.9	138.7	4.3
<b>10-Jan-16</b>	114.1	115.5	102.1	121.8	98.6	109.7	138.3	4.5
<b>17-Jan-16</b>	113.2	114.8	110.9	127.6	91.2	104.6	131.9	4.4
<b>24-Jan-16</b>	112.2	114.0	108.6	130.5	88.7	105.1	127.9	4.0
<b>31-Jan-16</b>	111.2	112.7	105.5	127.5	90.7	105.8	126.8	4.1
<b>7-Feb-16</b>	111.4	112.0	106.4	125.8	89.2	105.3	130.3	4.3
<b>14-Feb-16</b>	113.6	112.1	107.7	126.1	93.3	107.0	134.1	4.1
<b>21-Feb-16</b>	114.3	112.6	110.0	128.6	94.5	109.4	128.8	4.1
<b>28-Feb-16</b>	111.3	112.7	107.0	129.1	88.5	101.5	130.4	4.0
<b>6-Mar-16</b>	114.8	113.5	106.2	127.9	98.8	109.9	131.7	4.4
<b>13-Mar-16</b>	116.4	114.2	110.2	134.8	98.4	106.5	132.4	4.1
<b>20-Mar-16</b>	116.0	114.6	110.6	127.1	101.6	109.4	131.2	4.4
<b>27-Mar-16</b>	114.5	115.4	106.1	127.8	96.5	111.9	130.1	4.1
<b>3-Apr-16</b>	113.4	115.1	108.9	128.0	95.7	103.4	130.8	4.2
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<b>24-Apr-16</b>	111.7	113.2	103.4	128.0	94.1	103.5	129.7	4.2
<b>1-May-16</b>	113.9	113.4	106.4	126.8	98.1	106.5	131.7	3.8
<b>8-May-16</b>	113.9	113.8	105.6	126.0	96.9	106.5	134.6	3.9
<b>15-May-16</b>	115.1	113.7	103.7	125.2	102.8	110.0	133.7	4.2
<b>22-May-16</b>	115.7	114.7	105.1	129.4	102.4	107.6	134.0	4.2
<b>29-May-16</b>	113.2	114.5	105.8	123.3	95.6	105.0	136.5	4.1
<b>5-Jun-16</b>	116.8	115.2	106.3	126.4	102.3	108.7	140.2	3.9
<b>12-Jun-16</b>	116.4	115.5	108.1	126.0	102.6	108.6	137.0	3.9
<b>19-Jun-16</b>	118.8	116.3	111.4	127.4	104.6	111.2	139.2	4.0
<b>26-Jun-16</b>	116.8	117.2	108.8	130.8	95.2	110.3	139.0	4.0
<b>3-Jul-16</b>	115.8	117.0	107.1	124.2	99.7	112.2	135.6	4.2
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<b>25-Sep-16</b>	120.6	117.1	115.7	129.8	106.7	112.5	138.5	3.7
<b>2-Oct-16</b>	117.9	118.0	112.6	128.0	104.5	110.9	133.3	4.2
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