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CONSUMER CONFIDENCE: THIRD CONSECUTIVE RISE

- ANZ-Roy Morgan Australian Consumer Confidence rose a modest 0.7% last week to 119.2 – its highest value in 11 weeks. The details were mixed: a rise in views towards current financial and economic conditions was offset by lower expectations of future economic conditions.
- Households' views toward **current financial conditions** bounced 1.7% last week following a 2.4% decline previously. Views towards future conditions edged up 0.2%, the third straight weekly increase (gains of 1.6% and 3.5% in the previous two weeks). Both subindices remain above their long term averages.
- Consumers continued to be optimistic about **year-ahead economic conditions**, with sentiment rising a solid 3.9% last week, after a similar rise in the previous week. Views towards **future conditions** were more restrained. This subindex slipped 0.7% last week, partially reversing the previous week's 3.2% rise.
- The **'time to buy a household item'** subindex eased 0.9% last week off a solid 4.1% bounce previously. **Inflation expectations** remained steady at 4.4% on a weekly basis.

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

"Encouragingly, confidence rose for the third straight week as consumers were more optimistic about near term financial and economic conditions. On the whole, economic conditions have risen from their recent low and now sit above their long term average (111.8 vs 107.9).

Expectations of personal tax cuts in the Budget next week are likely lifting sentiment to some extent. Some de-escalation in geopolitical tensions between North Korea and South Korea late last week may also have impacted.

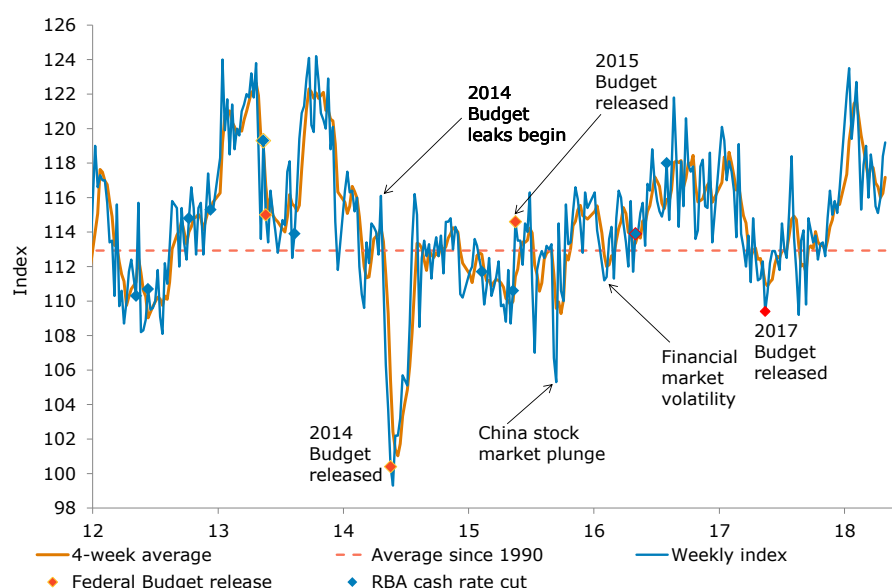
Our estimates suggest that the tax cut, if implemented, would translate to a modest increase in disposable income for low-and-middle income earners. Even so, this should provide some support to household spending, particularly since wage growth is expected to improve only gradually."

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

Last week (28-29 Apr)	Weekly change, %	Four-week average	Monthly average since 1990	Inflation expectations (four-week ma)
119.2	0.7%	117.2	112.9	4.5%

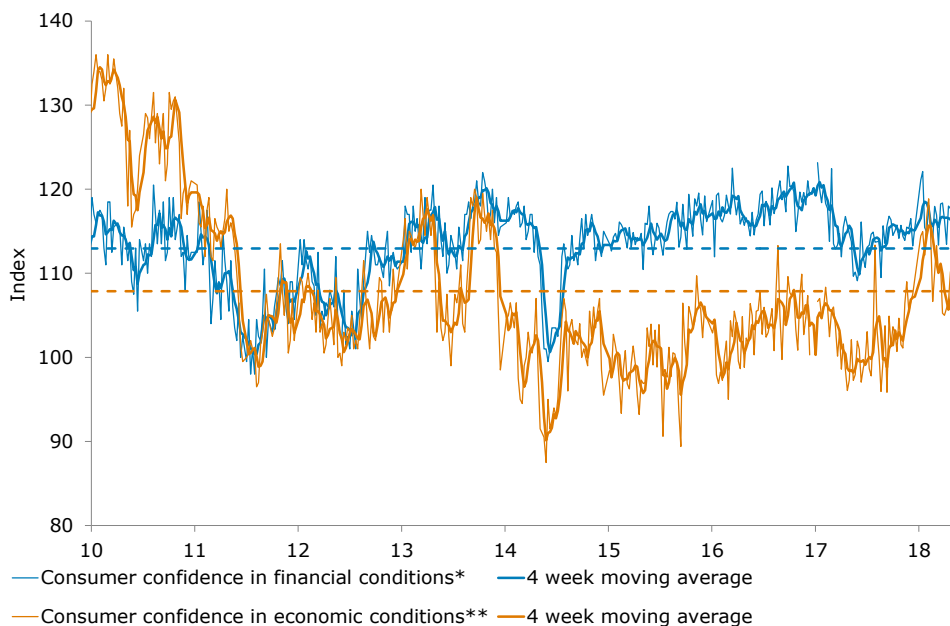
Data collected last weekend (Saturday and Sunday), based on around 1,000 face-to-face interviews. Not seasonally adjusted. Further data history on page 5.

Figure 2. Confidence rose 0.7% last week



Source: ANZ-Roy Morgan

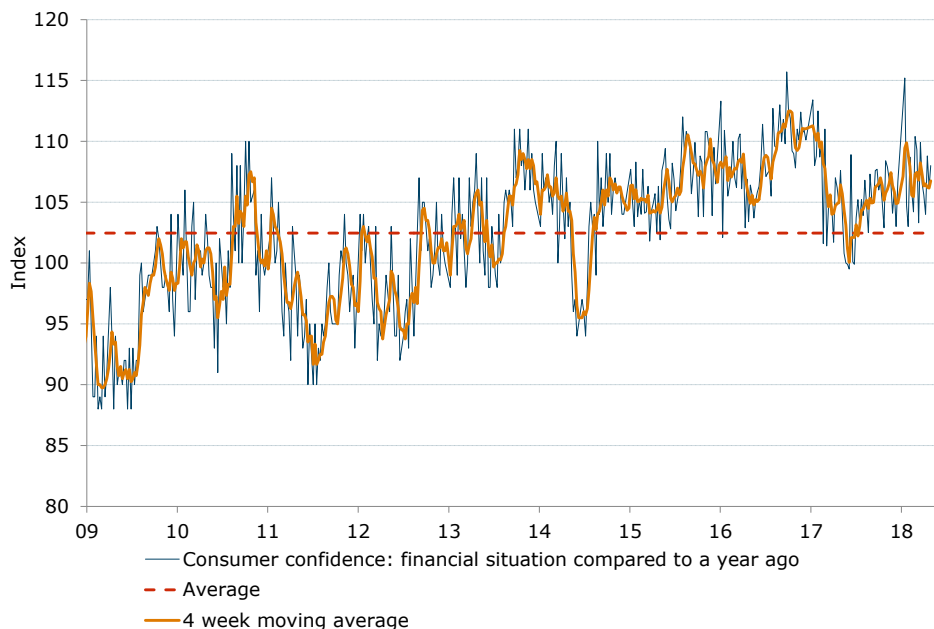
Figure 3. Confidence in aggregate economic conditions rose above its long term average



Source: ANZ-Roy Morgan

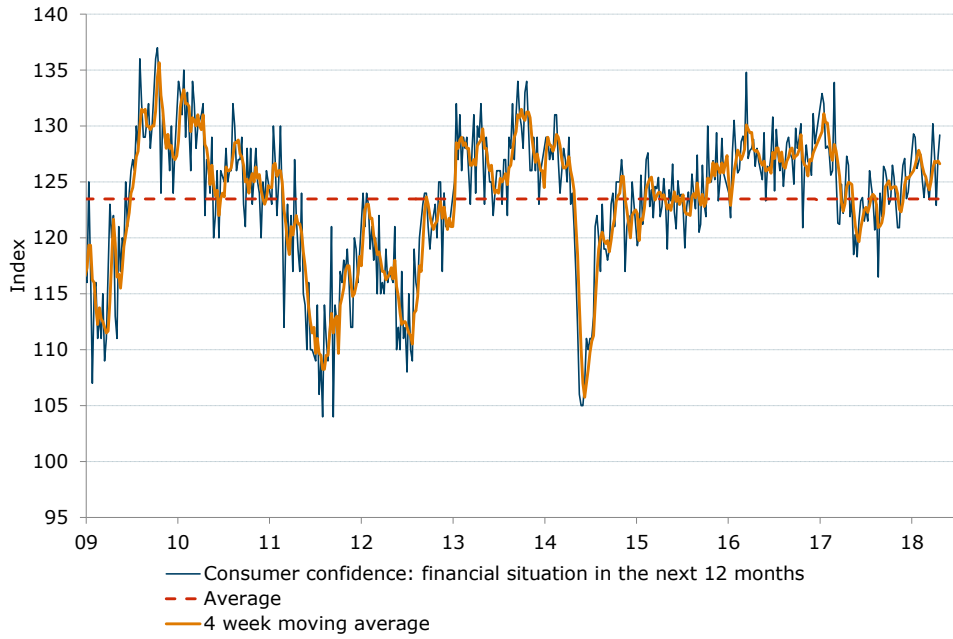
Note: Financial conditions index is an average of 'financial situation compared to a year ago' and 'financial situation next year' sub-indices. Economic conditions index is an average of 'economic conditions in 12 months' and 'economic conditions in five years' sub-indices.

Figure 4. Views towards current finances bounced 1.7%



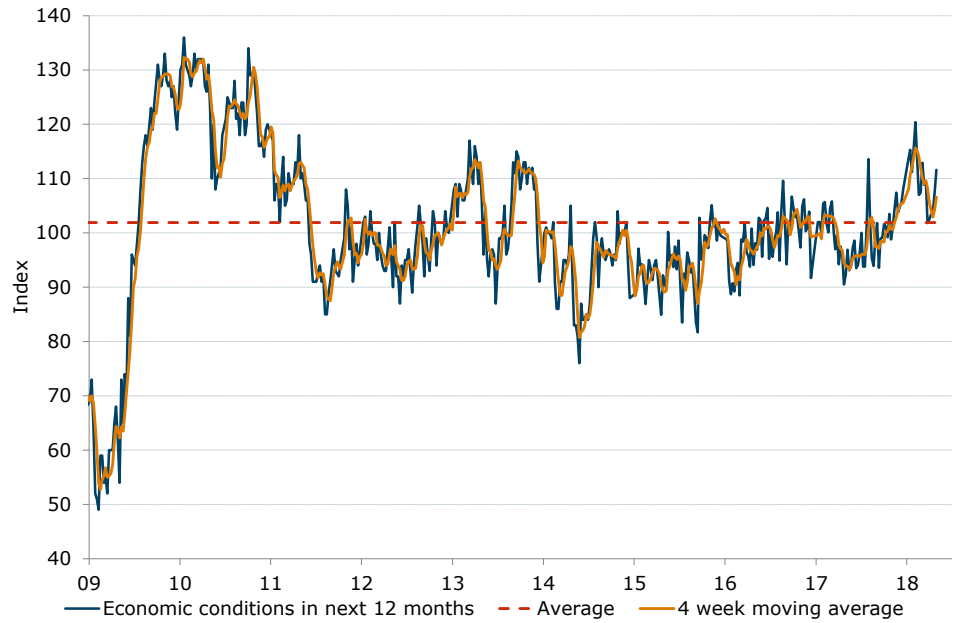
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Figure 5. Views towards future financial conditions edged up 0.2%



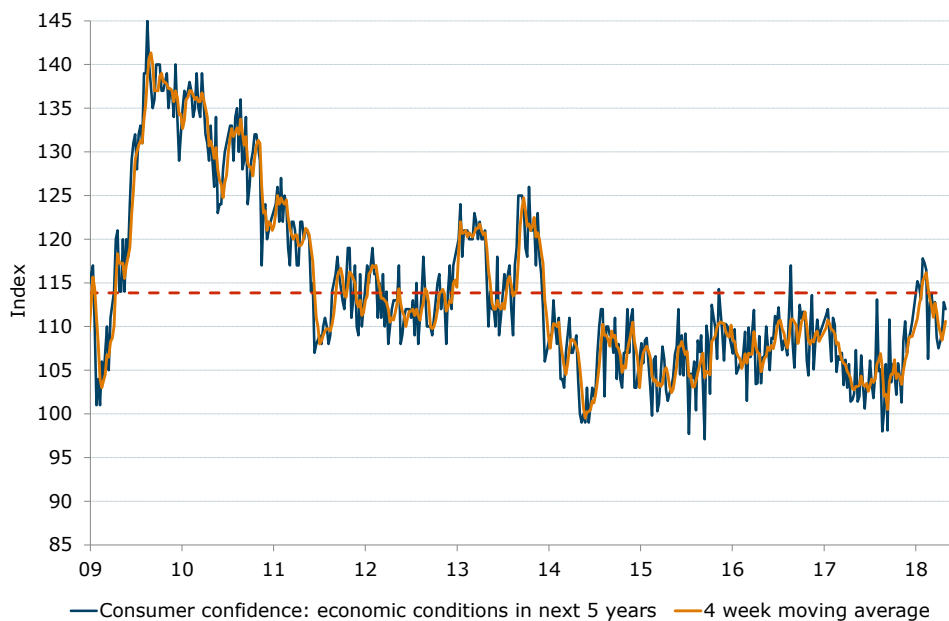
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Figure 6. Sentiment around current economic conditions improved for the fifth straight week (up 3.9%)



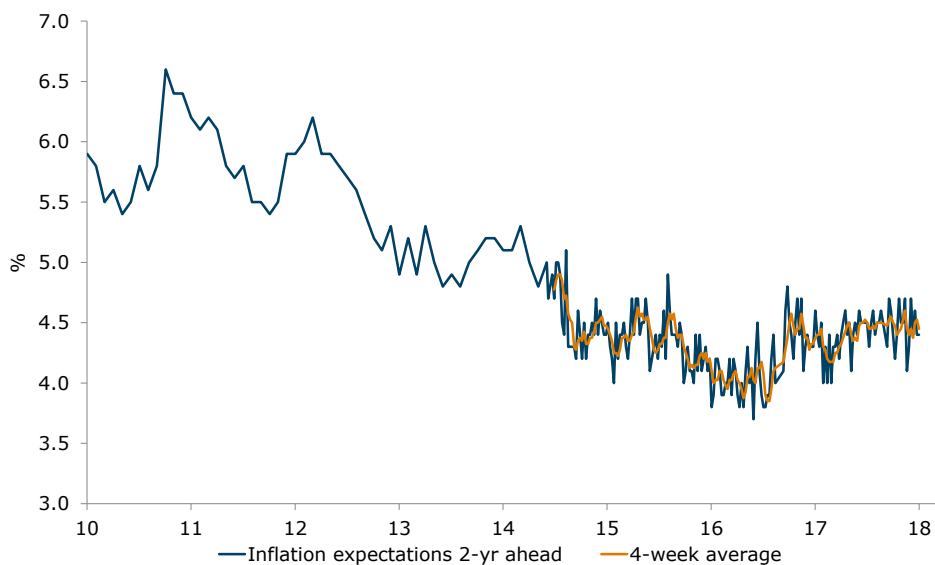
Source: ANZ-Roy Morgan

Figure 7. Views towards future economic conditions eased 0.7%



Source: ANZ-Roy Morgan

Figure 8. Four-week moving average inflation expectations at 4.5%



* 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 (%)
Avg since 2001	116	-	102	124	105	114	135	-
2010 avg	124	-	101	127	124	130	139	5.7
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
8-Jan-17	120.1	116.9	113.4	132.9	102.0	111.3	141.0	4.1
15-Jan-17	119.3	117.9	108.0	132.0	102.0	112.0	142.5	4.6
22-Jan-17	117.0	117.5	108.8	128.0	100.0	109.3	138.9	4.8
29-Jan-17	118.1	118.6	112.5	128.2	105.4	106.0	138.3	4.5
5-Feb-17	117.5	118.0	108.7	127.9	105.7	111.0	134.4	4.4
12-Feb-17	116.4	117.3	109.8	125.6	101.7	110.2	134.5	4.2
19-Feb-17	113.7	116.4	101.6	126.0	100.1	104.8	136.3	4.5
26-Feb-17	119.1	116.7	111.0	133.9	104.5	106.6	139.7	4.7
5-Mar-17	113.9	115.8	101.4	125.6	105.8	106.2	130.6	4.4
12-Mar-17	113.1	115.0	104.5	121.3	100.3	107.0	132.3	4.7
19-Mar-17	112.0	114.5	105.5	121.2	97.0	103.3	132.8	4.1
26-Mar-17	113.8	113.2	104.6	124.8	99.6	106.2	133.4	4.3
2-Apr-17	111.1	112.5	101.7	122.2	94.2	103.0	134.1	4.4
9-Apr-17	114.8	112.9	107.0	123.9	97.5	105.7	139.9	4.3
16-Apr-17	112.6	113.1	106.2	127.3	95.6	101.4	132.7	4.3
23-Apr-17	111.2	112.4	104.9	126.5	90.5	101.6	132.5	4.3
30-Apr-17	111.3	112.5	107.6	121.9	92.3	102.3	132.3	4.6
7-May-17	112.3	111.9	104.1	123.4	96.9	107.3	130.1	4.4
14-May-17	109.4	111.1	100.8	118.5	93.1	101.4	133.3	4.3
21-May-17	110.5	110.9	100.0	120.3	93.9	102.0	136.3	4.5
28-May-17	112.2	111.1	99.9	118.3	97.2	106.7	139.1	4.0
4-Jun-17	112.9	111.3	99.5	121.5	98.6	103.3	141.5	4.3
11-Jun-17	112.9	112.1	108.9	123.3	93.5	100.6	138.0	4.0
18-Jun-17	112.4	112.6	100.1	123.6	94.1	103.4	140.7	4.4
25-Jun-17	111.8	112.5	99.9	121.5	96.4	103.0	138.2	4.0
2-Jul-17	114.5	112.9	103.7	122.5	100.0	106.1	140.0	4.3
9-Jul-17	113.0	112.9	105.2	121.5	93.8	103.5	140.7	4.3
16-Jul-17	112.5	113.0	103.3	126.0	93.8	101.8	137.5	4.4
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27-Aug-17	113.5	112.0	107.3	124.0	99.2	100.2	137.1	4.5
3-Sep-17	114.1	112.1	105.2	121.9	101.8	105.7	136.2	4.1
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1-Oct-17	113.4	113.0	106.0	123.0	101.6	105.7	130.7	4.6
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