# ANZ-Roy Morgan Australian Consumer Confidence Media Release

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### **COVID-19 dents Christmas cheer**

- Consumer confidence ended the year on a downbeat note, as Sydney's spike in COVID-19 cases saw confidence fall 2%. Most subindices were lower, with the exception of 'future financial conditions'.
- 'Current financial conditions' weakened 2.2%, while 'future financial conditions' bucked the overall trend and grew 0.9%.
- 'Current economic conditions' deteriorated by 4.6%, while 'future economic conditions' worsened by 3%.
- 'Time to buy a major household item' declined 1.4%. The four-week moving average of 'inflation expectations' rose to 3.7%, a level last seen in April.

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

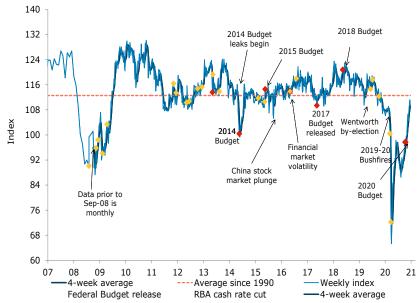
Last weekend (19-20 Dec)	Weekly change, %	Four-week average	Monthly average since 1990	Inflation expectations (four-week ma)	
109.0	-2.0%	109.3	112.6	3.7%	

This weekly ANZ-Roy Morgan Australian Consumer Confidence Rating is based on 1,529 interviews conducted online and over the telephone on the weekend. Not seasonally adjusted. Further data history on page 6.

#### ANZ Head of Australian Economics, David Plank, commented:

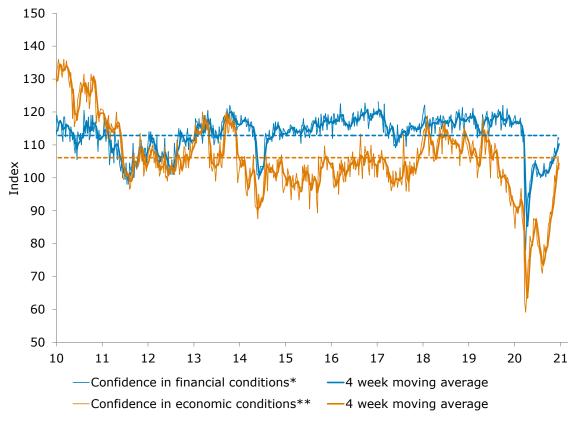
The emergence of a major COVID-19 cluster in Sydney has dampened consumers' otherwise positive sentiment. In Sydney, confidence was down 5.3% in its sharpest weekly drop since July. In the rest of New South Wales, it moderated by 1.9%. Confidence weakened in Victoria (down 2.9%), along with Queensland and Northern Territory. The lockdown of the suburbs around Sydney's northern beaches and the state border closures have reminded people that material downside risks remain. The ongoing trend of higher inflation expectations has the 4-week moving average touching the level last seen in April. As we've noted, this lift is consistent with the likely bottom of inflation.

#### Confidence down 2%



Source: ANZ-Roy Morgan, ANZ Research

Figure 1. Confidence down for both economic and financial conditions



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 financial conditions' weakened 2.2%

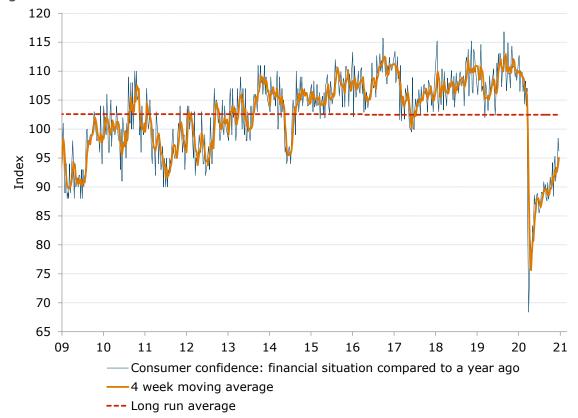




Figure 3. 'Future financial conditions' grew 0.9%

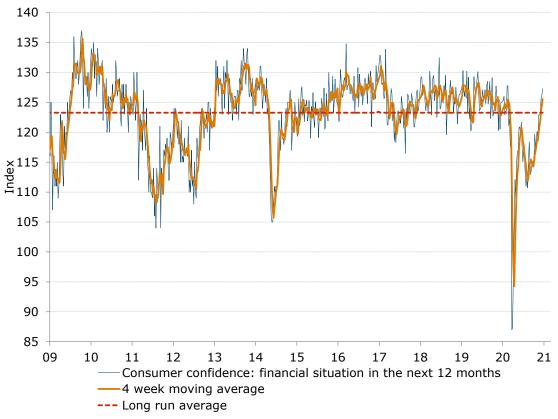


Figure 4. 'Current economic conditions' deteriorated 4.6%

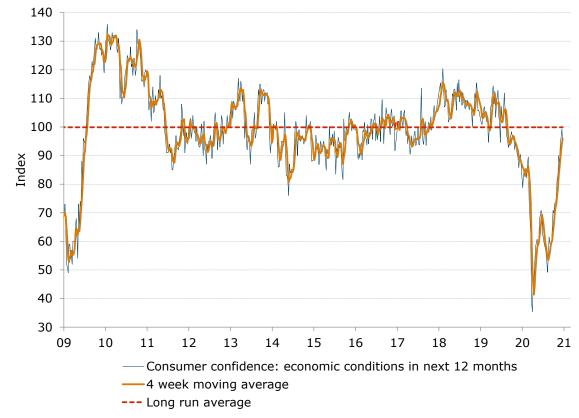




Figure 5. 'Future economic conditions' worsened 3%

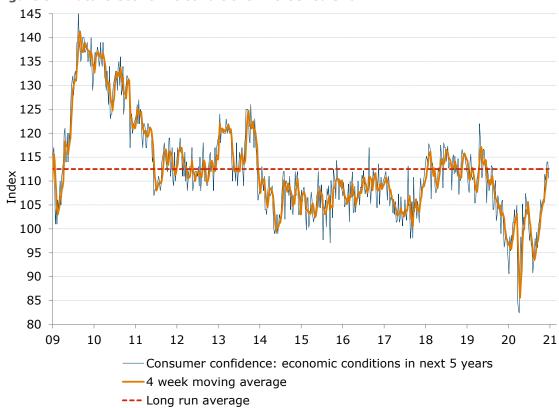


Figure 6. 'Time to buy a household item' declined 1.4%

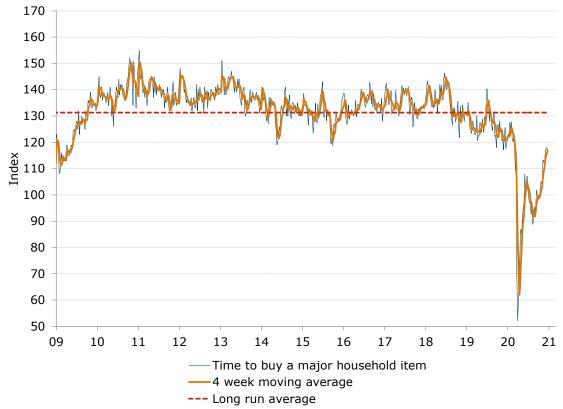
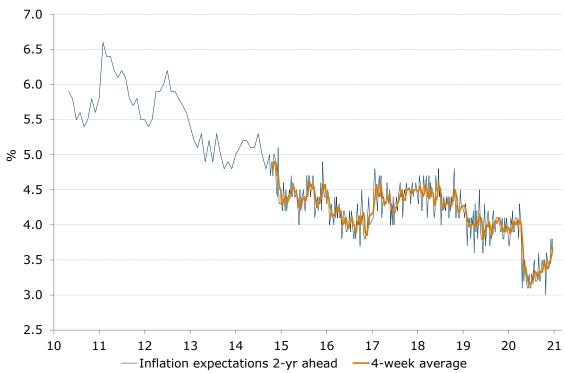




Figure 7. Weekly inflation expectations rose, pushing the 4-week moving average to highest level since April



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



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

	Headline	Inflation expectation						
	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	115		102	124	102		122	
2001	115	-	102	124	103	113	133	-
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
2017 avg	114	-	105	124	100	105	135	4.4
2018 avg	119	-	108	126	109	113	135	4.4
2019 avg	114	-	109	126	101	109	126	4.0
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
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
16-Feb-20	109.1	108.4	108.6	127.7	87.4	101.3	120.3	3.9
23-Feb-20	108.3	108.4	104.3	121.1	89.5	104.0	122.4	4.1
1-Mar-20	104.8	107.5	108.3	122.2	74.6	101.0	117.8	4.1
8-Mar-20	100.4	105.7	104.0	117.8	68.6	102.7	109.1	4.1
15-Mar-20	100.0	103.4	107.1	117.2	62.2	104.9	108.9	4.0
22-Mar-20	72.2	94.4	81.5	87.0	39.1	84.9	68.4	3.8
29-Mar-20	65.3	84.5	68.4	87.5	35.4	82.9	52.1	4.3
5-Apr-20	71.9	77.4	74.4	97.5	44.1	82.4	61.2	4.1
12-Apr-20	78.2	71.9	80.9	105.2	46.9	92.1	66.1	3.8
19-Apr-20	84.2	74.9	78.8	112.1	51.4	98.3	80.3	3.1
26-Apr-20	85.0	79.8	79.1	108.4	58.1	92.5	86.9	3.6
3-May-20	89.5	84.2	83.3	114.8	59.4	105.2	84.7	3.2
10-May-20	90.3	87.3	81.4	116.8	60.7	100.9	91.6	3.5
17-May-20	92.3	89.3	88.6	117.0	58.5	102.4	94.9	3.3
24-May-20	92.7	91.2	87.0	120.7	58.7	99.9	97.3	3.2
31-May-20	98.3	93.4	87.5	120.9	67.9	107.4	107.9	3.1
7-Jun-20	97.0	95.1	88.5	120.0	69.0	105.7	101.7	3.1
14-Jun-20	97.5	96.4	88.9	121.7	70.8	103.0	103.0	3.3
21-Jun-20	97.5	97.6	87.4	117.3	69.7	105.8	107.2	3.1
28-Jun-20	93.0	96.3	85.5	115.1	62.3	100.3	102.0	3.1
5-Jul-20	92.1	95.0	86.1	117.3	60.9	97.6	98.8	3.3
12-Jul-20	91.6	93.6	87.1	115.7	58.8	99.4	96.9	3.2
19-Jul-20	90.7	91.9	89.1	112.8	57.9	96.7	96.8	3.4
26-Jul-20	89.0	90.9	89.0	111.0	56.5	95.9	92.7	3.5
2-Aug-20	88.6	90.9	88.5	112.8	53.6	90.8	97.2	3.2
2-Aug-20 9-Aug-20	86.5	90.0 88.7	90.9	112.8	49.2	90.8 92.8	97.2 88.8	3.2
16-Aug-20	88.6	88.2	89.2	115.3	54.4	94.3	89.7	3.2
23-Aug-20	92.7	89.1	90.4	118.4	61.5	98.0	95.4	3.3
30-Aug-20	90.2	89.5	88.1	115.2	59.3	95.4	93.1	3.6
6-Sep-20	91.1	90.7	87.6	112.9	58.9	99.3	96.7	3.2
13-Sep-20	92.4	91.6	90.8	114.3	59.2	96.1	101.8	3.2
20-Sep-20	93.5	91.8	87.9	114.8	64.2	100.8	99.9	3.4
27-Sep-20	95.0	93.0	88.8	115.1	70.8	101.3	98.9	3.5
4-Oct-20	95.7	94.2	91.7	115.4	70.0	102.9	98.4	3.4
11-Oct-20	97.7	95.5	90.3	119.7	73.2	106.1	98.9	3.5
18-Oct-20	98.1	96.6	91.0	117.2	73.5	104.3	104.6	3.5
25-Oct-20	99.7	97.8	94.2	118.6	75.4	105.4	105.0	3.0
1-Nov-20	99.9	98.9	88.4	120.1	81.7	106.1	103.0	3.6
8-Nov-20	103.1	100.2	93.8	118.7	83.2	106.3	113.3	3.5
15-Nov-20	106.6	102.3	95.3	122.9	90.0	111.4	113.1	3.4
22-Nov-20	104.5	103.5	91.0	122.9	87.1	110.2	111.3	3.4
29-Nov-20	107.5	105.4	93.1	123.1	93.7	111.8	116.0	3.5
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