

ANZ-Roy Morgan Australian Consumer Confidence Media Release

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Virus fallout

- Consumer confidence declined 3.2% last week, driven lower by weakness in 'economic conditions'. The Index is now at a five-and-a-half year low.
- 'Current economic conditions' saw a significant decline of 16.6%. In percentage terms, the downturn was the largest since January 2009. 'Future economic conditions' declined by 2.9%. Both the subcomponents are well below long-term averages.
- In contrast to the weakness in economic conditions, confidence in financial conditions rose. 'Current financial conditions' gained 3.8%, while 'future finances' gained 0.9%.
- 'Time to buy a major household item' fell by 3.8%. The four-week moving average for 'inflation expectations' was stable at 4%.

ANZ-Roy Morgan Consumer Confidence and inflation expectations

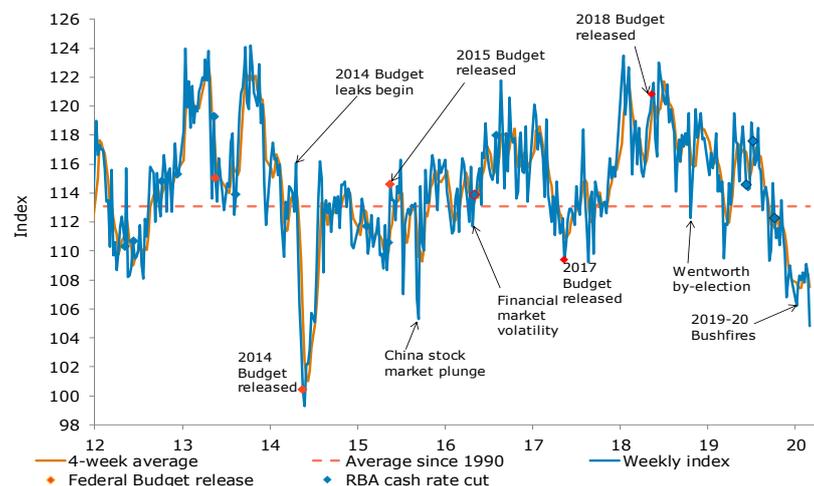
Last weekend (1–2 Mar)	Weekly change, %	Four-week average	Monthly average since 1990	Inflation expectations (4-week ma)
104.8	-3.2%	107.5	113.1	4.0%

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:

The coronavirus impacted consumer confidence in a big way last week, with overall sentiment falling to its lowest level in more than five years. The virus-induced sell-off in the local and global stock markets and the big drop in the Chinese PMI likely contributed to the weakness. The fall seen in 'current economic conditions' shows that Australians are getting skittish about the well-being of the economy, though they are still quite content about their personal financial circumstances. This divergence remains the most notable aspect of the confidence survey. So far the negative economic outlook has been a better guide to household spending than more positive financial sentiment.

Confidence tumbles by 3.2%

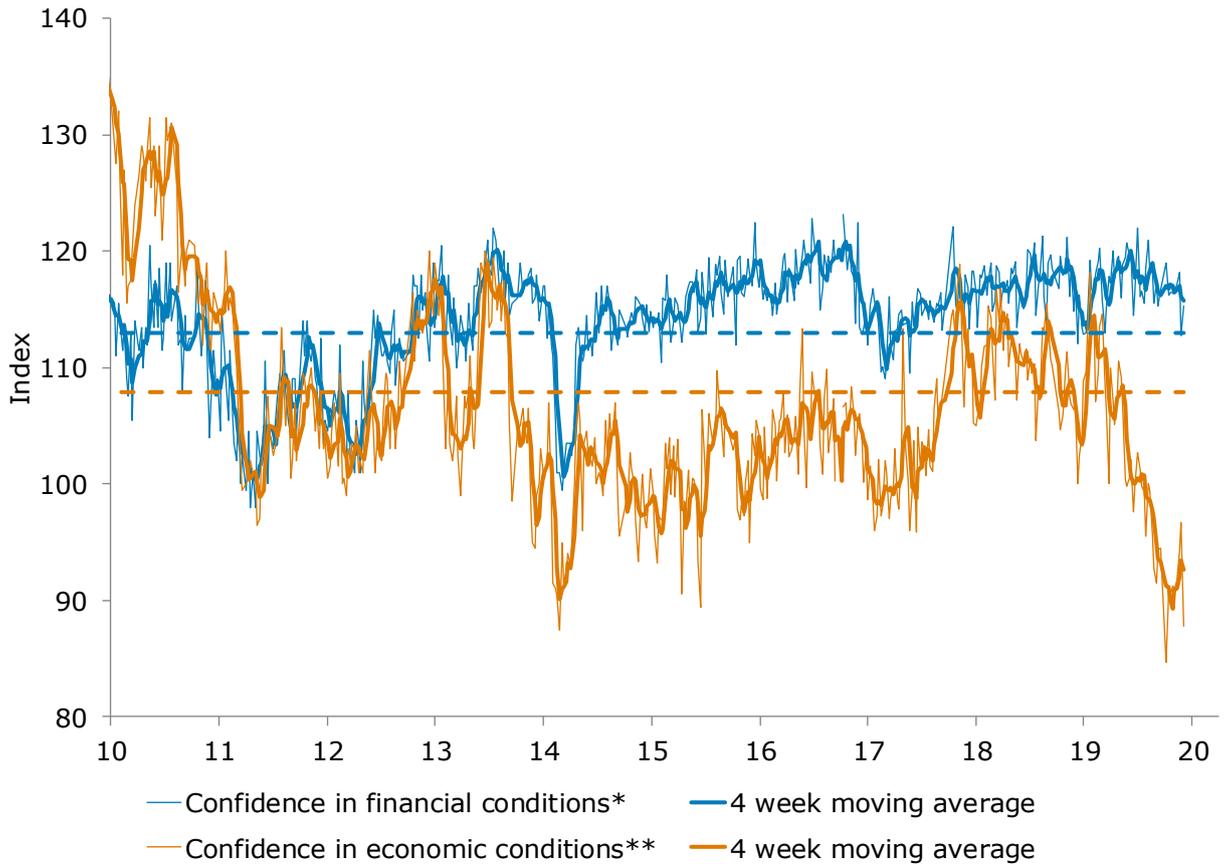


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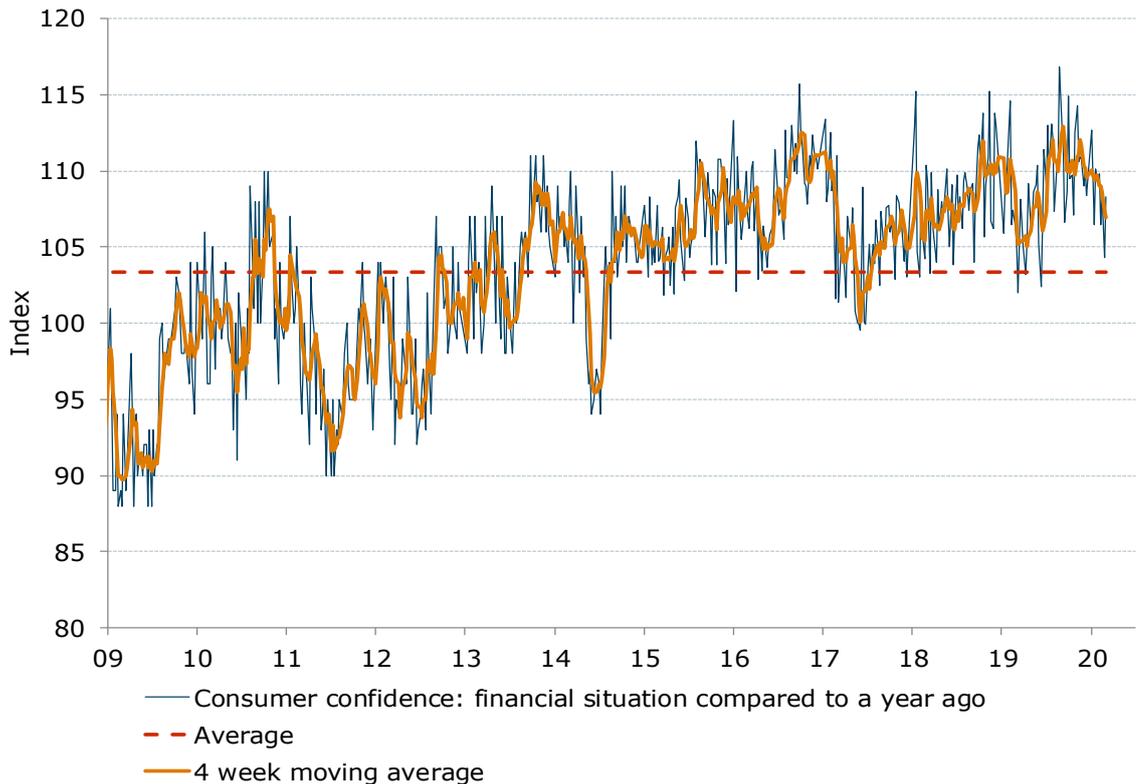
Figure 1. 'Financial' and 'economic' conditions gap widens further



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 2. 'Current finances' gain 3.8% compared to a fall of 4% previously

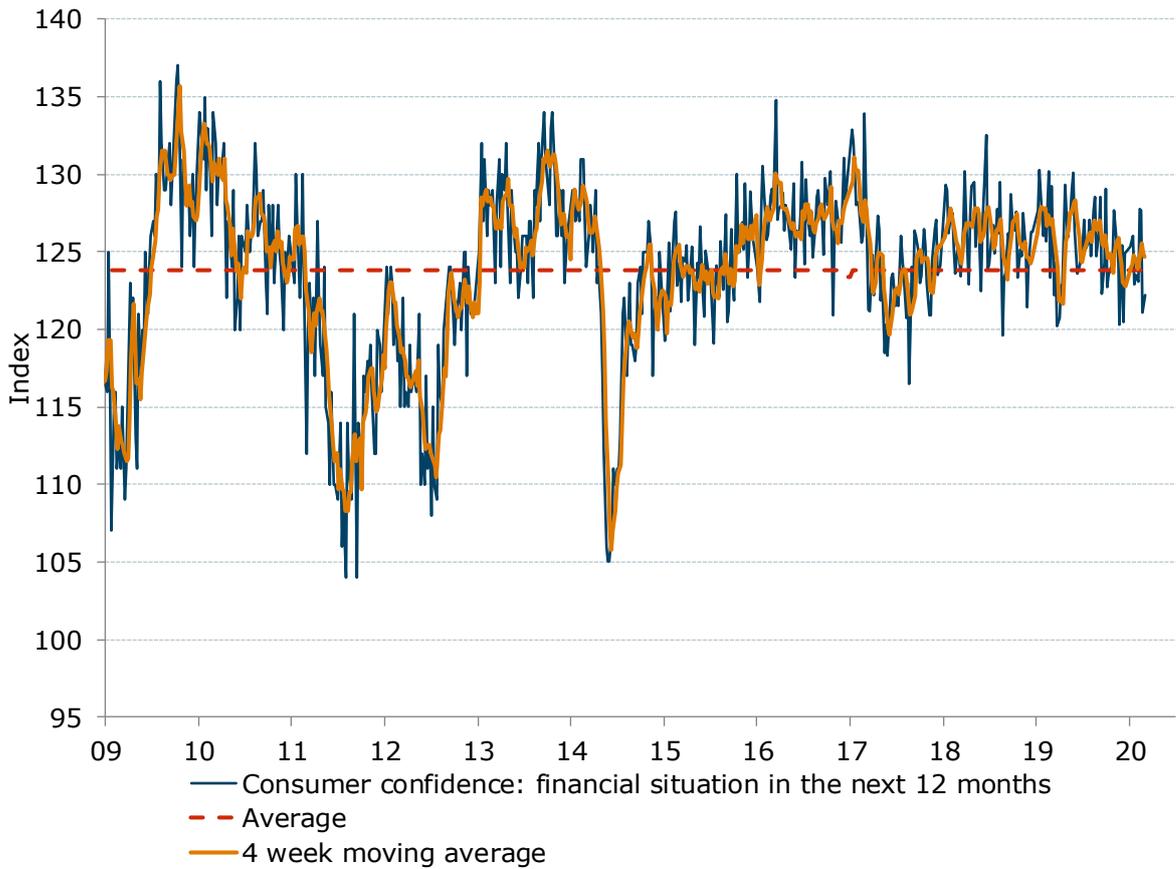


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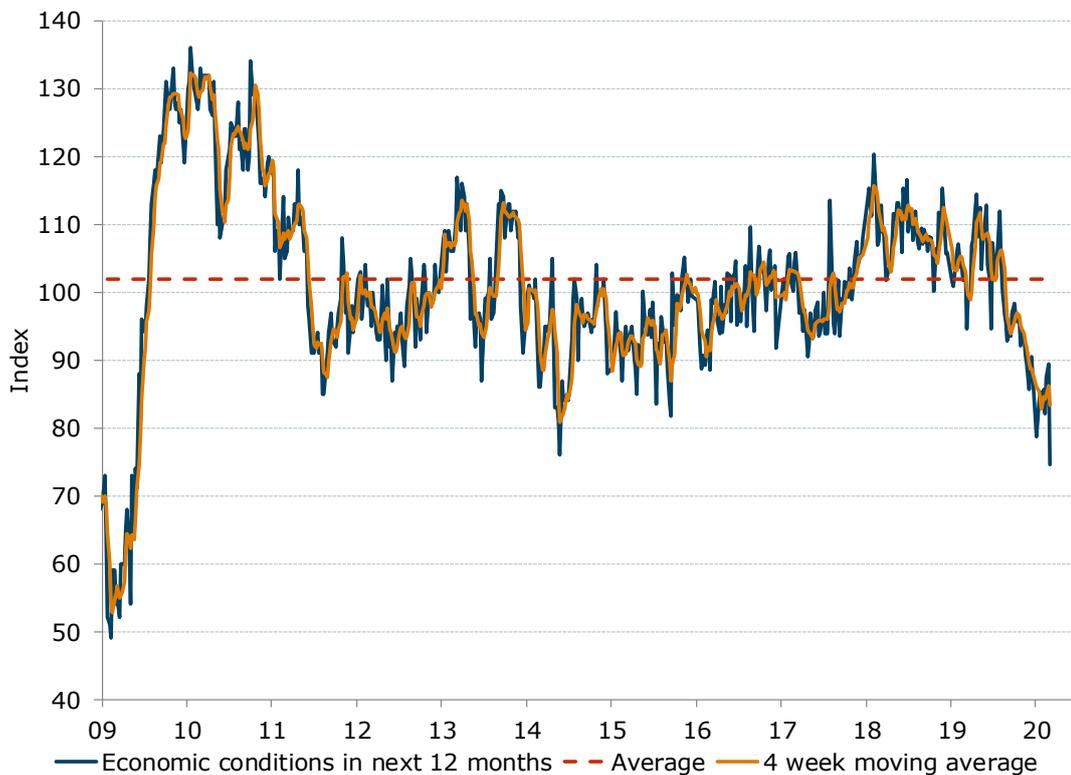
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Figure 3. 'Future financial conditions' gained 0.9% but still below long-run average



Source: ANZ-Roy Morgan

Figure 4. 'Current economic conditions' fell significantly, declining 16.6%

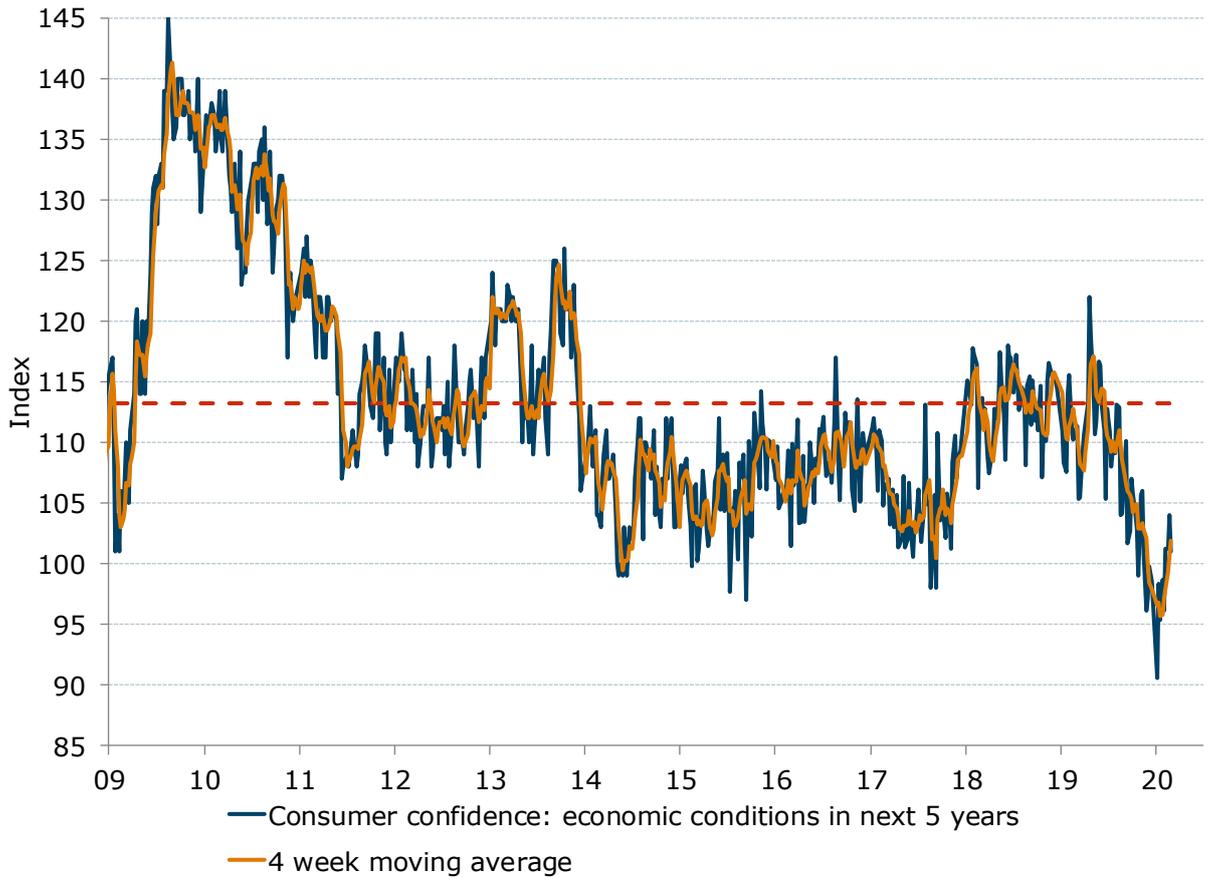


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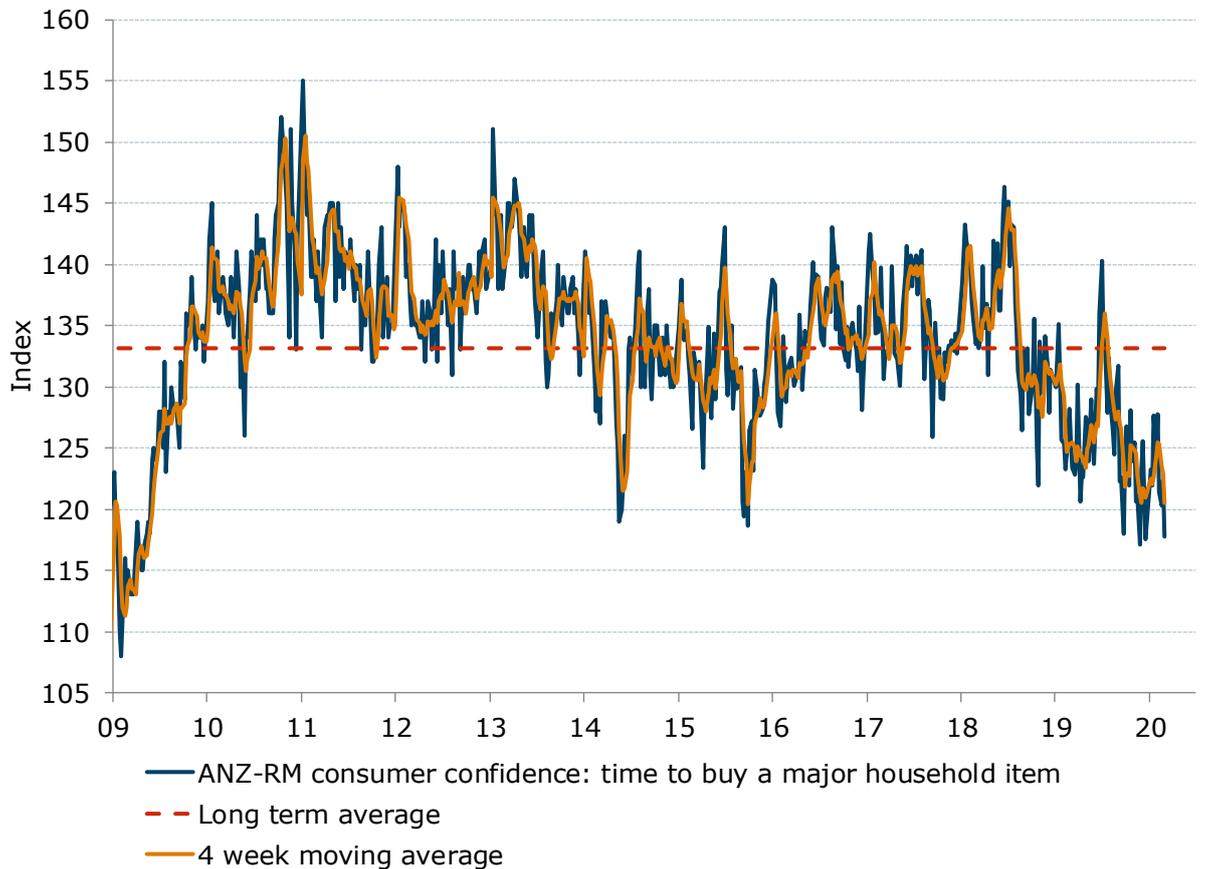
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Figure 5. 'Future economic conditions' declined 2.9%



Source: ANZ-Roy Morgan

Figure 6. 'Time to buy a household item' fell 3.8% and is way below the long term average

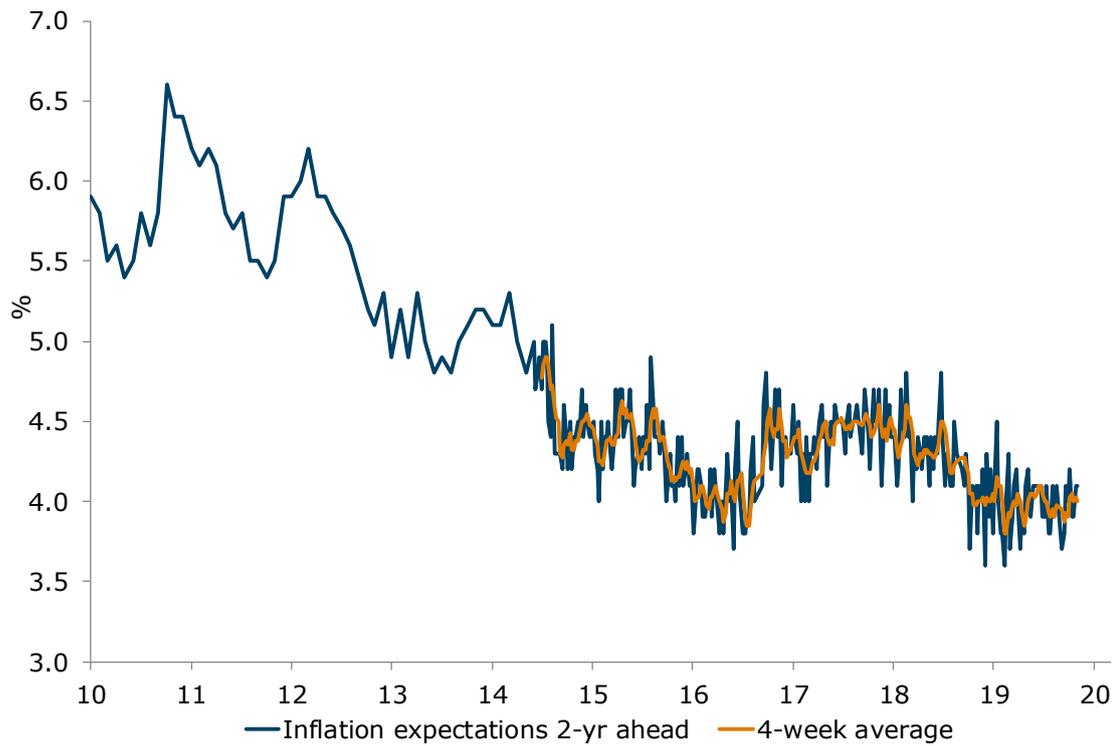


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Figure 7. Four-week moving average 'inflation expectations' stable at 4.0%



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

Source: ANZ-Roy Morgan



Data table

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	-	103	124	105	114	134	-
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
7-Apr-19	113.2	112.9	103.2	122.8	107.7	111.6	120.6	4.3
14-Apr-19	115.3	113.8	105.4	122.9	112.2	113.3	122.6	3.9
21-Apr-19	119.5	115.7	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	116.8	102.4	123.6	104.0	113.1	129.8	3.6
16-Jun-19	114.2	116.1	106.4	123.9	101.6	111.0	128.2	4.0
23-Jun-19	114.3	115.0	111.4	124.2	94.6	105.4	136.0	4.3
30-Jun-19	118.9	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	115.5	116.5	110.1	127.7	100.6	112.9	126.3	3.9
18-Aug-19	112.8	115.7	110.3	128.5	96.8	104.0	124.5	3.8
25-Aug-19	114.1	114.6	116.8	124.7	95.4	104.2	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	110.9	112.0	109.7	123.5	95.6	104.0	121.9	4.1
20-Oct-19	111.6	112.4	107.1	124.0	95.9	102.9	128.1	4.1
27-Oct-19	110.4	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	108.0	108.0	108.4	124.9	90.4	98.6	117.6	4.1
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

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