# ANZ-Roy Morgan Australian Consumer Confidence Media Release

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\*From 3 January 2022, the interviews for the consumer confidence survey have taken place Monday to Sunday. Previously they were done at the weekend (Saturday and Sunday).

## Surge in inflation expectations dampens sentiment

- Consumer confidence decreased 2.8% last week, falling to its lowest level since early August. Among the mainland states, confidence dropped in NSW, Victoria, Queensland and SA, while it increased in WA.
- 'Weekly inflation expectations' surged 0.5ppt to 6%, while its four-week moving average rose 0.1ppt to 5.5%.
- Four of the five confidence subindices declined. 'Current financial conditions' dropped 1%, its third consecutive weekly decline. 'Future financial conditions' decreased 3.6%, falling below the neutral level of 100 for the first time since early August.
- 'Current economic conditions' rose slightly by 0.6% after dropping 10.4% over the previous two weeks. 'Future economic conditions' fell 2.6%.
- 'Time to buy a major household item' lost 6.2% after a 4.4% decline the week before.

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

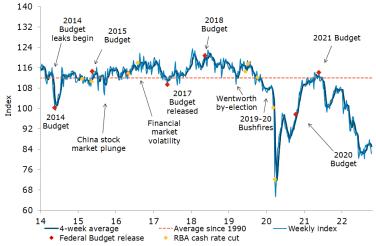
Last week (10-16 Oct)	Weekly change, %	Four-week average	Monthly average since 1990	Inflation expectations (four-week ma)
82.2	-2.8%	85.0	111.9	5.5%

The weekly ANZ-Roy Morgan Australian Consumer Confidence Rating is based on 1,490 interviews conducted online and over the telephone during the week to Sunday\*. Not seasonally adjusted. Further data history on page 6.

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

Consumer confidence plunged 2.8% as inflation expectations jumped to its highest since late July when petrol prices last peaked. The weaker AUD along with an uptick in petrol prices over the past couple of weeks likely led to the surge in household inflation expectations to 6%. This weighed heavily on consumer sentiment, with the subindex that captures whether 'it is a good time to buy a major household item' dropping 6.2%. Very weak consumer confidence has not, so far, translated into lower household spending. But the longer confidence remains so low the greater the prospect that consumers become more cautious, especially with household wealth going backwards due to lower house and equity prices.

#### Consumer confidence fell 2.8%



Source: ANZ-Roy Morgan, ANZ Research



Figure 1. 'Weekly inflation expectations' jumped 0.5ppt to 6%, while its four-week moving average was up 0.1ppt to 5.5%

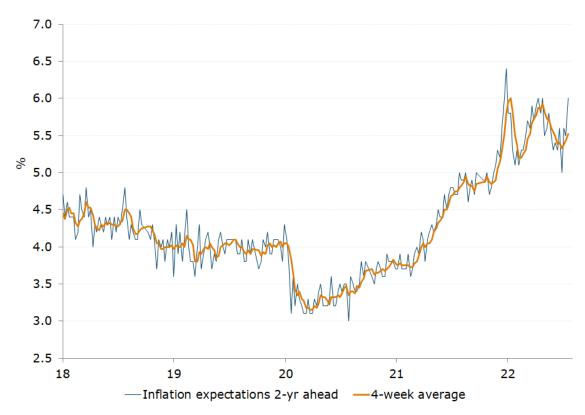
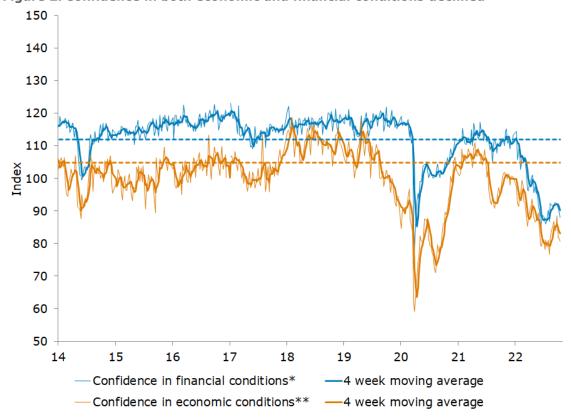


Figure 2. Confidence in both economic and financial conditions declined



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 3. 'Current financial conditions' fell by 1%

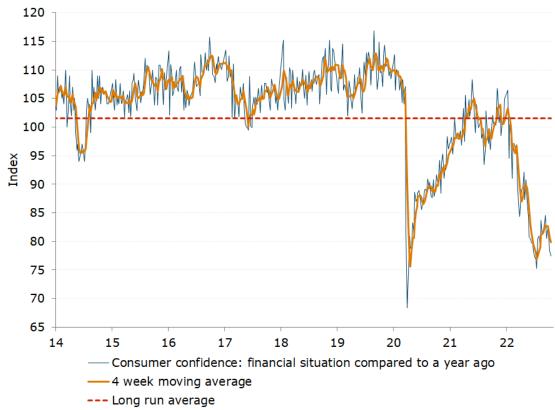


Figure 4. 'Future financial conditions' decreased 3.6%

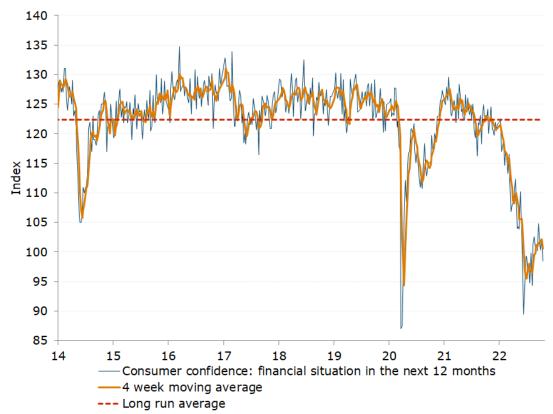




Figure 5. 'Current economic conditions' rose slightly by 0.6%

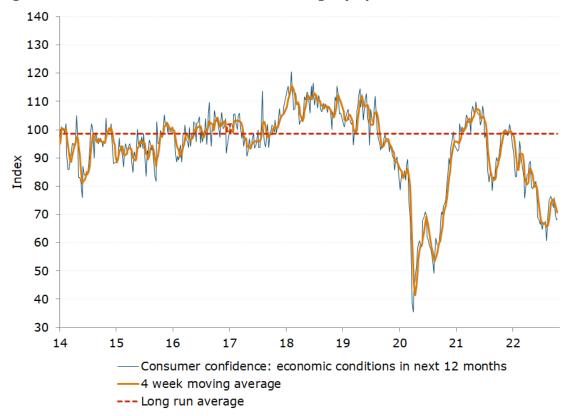


Figure 6. 'Future economic conditions' dropped 2.6%

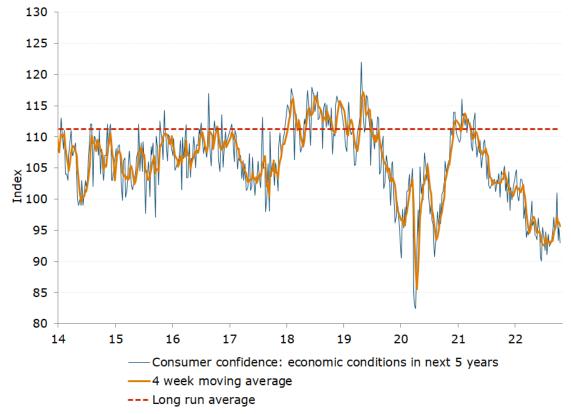




Figure 7. 'Time to buy a major household item' plunged 6.2%





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

	Headline index Subindices 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								
2001	115	-	102	124	103	113	132	-
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 2014 avg	119 111	-	104 104	128 121	106 94	118 106	139 132	5.0 4.9
2014 avg 2015 avg	111	-	107	121	94	106	131	4.4
2015 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
2020 avg	96	-	92	117	69	100	102	3.5
2021 avg	108		101	123	98	106	113	4.2
3-Oct-21	104.6	103.7	102.1	122.1	90.8	104.5	103.8	4.8
10-0ct-21	105.6	104.3	100.6	122.5	94.6	104.0	106.5	4.7
17-0ct-21 24-0ct-21	107.0 106.8	105.2 106.0	100.5 100.3	124.2 120.0	98.9 98.6	104.0 105.3	107.1 109.7	4.7 5.0
31-Oct-21	100.3	100.0	106.8	122.1	99.4	101.3	112.3	4.9
7-Nov-21	109.0	107.8	105.8	124.6	99.7	102.8	112.4	4.9
14-Nov-21	106.0	107.6	100.8	120.8	100.1	99.5	108.6	5.0
21-Nov-21	107.4	107.7	102.4	120.8	98.4	104.4	110.9	4.6
28-Nov-21	106.0	107.1	98.5	119.7	97.8	98.2	116.0	4.8
5-Dec-21	107.5	106.7	100.6	122.0	98.8	101.9	114.3	4.9
12-Dec-21	108.0	107.2	100.8	120.5	101.8	99.9	116.8	4.7
19-Dec-21	108.4	107.5	105.0	121.5	99.1	101.8	111.3	5.0
9-Jan-22	106.0	107.5	106.5	122.3	90.5	104.7	105.8	4.9
16-Jan-22 23-Jan-22	97.9 100.1	105.1 103.1	94.5 100.5	117.0 117.7	83.6 83.2	100.6 99.7	93.7 99.6	4.9 5.0
30-Jan-22	100.1	103.1	98.7	117.7	88.1	100.8	102.3	4.7
6-Feb-22	99.9	99.9	91.0	114.6	87.8	103.2	103.0	4.8
13-Feb-22	103.2	101.3	97.0	117.0	96.0	103.1	102.8	5.0
20-Feb-22	101.8	101.7	97.2	116.2	93.6	102.0	100.1	5.1
27-Feb-22	99.2	101.0	96.4	113.3	88.9	96.9	100.5	5.3
6-Mar-22	100.1	101.1	96.5	116.6	86.1	99.0	102.5	5.2
13-Mar-22	95.8	99.2	91.5	111.9	82.7	93.9	99.0	5.6
20-Mar-22	91.2	96.6	86.6	106.8	75.7	94.9	92.2	6.0
27-Mar-22	91.1	94.6	84.4	108.1	80.3	94.3	88.2	6.4
3-Apr-22 10-Apr-22	93.4 94.6	92.9 92.6	88.0 89.0	108.3 109.4	84.1 84.7	95.2 96.9	91.2 92.7	5.8 5.8
17-Apr-22	96.8	94.0	89.3	112.3	87.9	99.7	94.9	5.3
24-Apr-22	96.5	95.3	92.1	109.8	88.8	95.8	95.9	5.1
1-May-22	90.7	94.7	87.3	104.0	79.6	96.5	86.0	5.3
8-May-22	90.5	93.6	90.8	104.3	79.0	94.2	84.1	5.1
15-May-22	89.3	91.8	86.8	103.9	80.2	94.0	81.8	5.3
22-May-22	90.8	90.3	84.4	110.2	80.6	93.5	85.5	5.3
29-May-22	90.7	90.3	80.7	104.1	81.8	97.0	90.1	5.5
5-Jun-22	87.0	89.5	80.5	99.6	74.1	95.0	85.9	5.7
12-Jun-22	80.4 81.7	87.2 85.0	79.7 79.5	89.5	68.8 68.1	90.6	73.5 76.5	5.6 5.9
19-Jun-22 26-Jun-22	84.7	83.5	79.5 78.2	94.1 99.3	66.4	90.1 95.5	84.0	5.7
3-Jul-22	83.7	82.6	77.3	99.2	68.4	94.0	79.5	5.9
10-Jul-22	81.6	82.9	76.8	96.7	64.6	91.8	78.1	6.0
17-Jul-22	81.8	83.0	75.3	96.8	67.2	94.8	75.0	5.8
24-Jul-22	82.4	82.4	80.5	94.8	66.9	91.1	78.9	6.0
31-Jul-22	84.1	82.5	80.9	99.8	67.6	94.4	77.7	5.5
7-Aug-22	80.3	82.2	79.4	94.3	60.7	92.4	74.6	5.6
14-Aug-22	84.2	82.8	83.7	101.2	69.1	93.0	74.2	5.8
21-Aug-22	85.6	83.6	81.2	102.6	74.9	93.1	76.0	5.5
28-Aug-22	85.0	83.8	82.1	100.7	75.6	94.6	71.8	5.3
4-Sep-22	86.1	85.2	83.3	100.2	76.4	97.1	73.5	5.4
11-Sep-22	85.7 86.0	85.6 85.7	84.6	100.3	74.5	95.2	73.9 76.6	5.3 5.6
18-Sep-22 25-Sep-22	86.0 87.8	85.7 86.4	80.5 82.4	104.8 101.4	72.4 75.9	95.3 101.0	76.6 78.5	5.6 5.0
25-Sep-22 2-Oct-22	87.8 85.5	86.4 86.3	82.4 81.2	101.4	75.9 70.1	93.4	78.5 82.3	5.6
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