**Described Transcript – Jodie’s long-form video**

**Audio Description:** A full screen graphic shows Jodie smiling to camera, on a light green geometric background. Their name and description appear underneath them: ‘Jodie, foster carer’. There is a Queensland Foster and Kinship Care logo and a Queensland Government logo on the bottom right of screen. Mellow guitar music plays. The image transitions to Jodie walking down the hallway into the laundry, carrying a washing basket. She places the washing basket on the floor and begins to unload the clothes into the washing machine. The shot cuts to Jodie sitting on a couch in an interview-style set up. There is a big green fern on a glass table behind her.

**Jodie:** My name is Jodie and I've been a foster carer for about seven years now. I do emergency, I do respite. I do short-term or long-term as well.

**Audio Description:** Various shots as Jodie continues placing clothes into the washing machine. We cut to Jodie standing at a bench in front of a laptop. Her phone rings, and she answers the call. She continues working on the laptop whilst she talks on the phone. She smiles as she talks.

**Jodie:** I was driving to work one day and I saw a billboard and it said we need foster carers. I didn't think I could become a foster carer because I was a single person all on my own with a career and working full time. After the first experience of just having that one child on respite I was just in love, like I just wanted to have as many kids as I possibly can, yeah it just melted my heart.

**Audio Description:** Jodie is outside watering the garden. Her backyard is full of healthy plants in bloom. Her Labrador dog is next to her as she waters, and she gives the dog a scratch under the chin.

**Jodie:** I've got three Labradors and four cats. I find whenever children come into my home they always gravitate to one of them. One of them will bond and it really is beautiful to watch them all how they all sort of work it out together.

**Audio Description:** A is Labrador laying on its back on the grass, and Jodie scratches its belly. Another Labrador runs around in the background. We cut to a shot inside, as a cat sniffs at the camera. We cut to another shot as Jodie carries the cat around the house.

**Jodie:** Some of the biggest challenges I've had, working full time, working shift work and looking after, at one stage I had three children. So I have to be super organised. But also to make sure that the kids still get the best of everything as well. You know nutrition, exercise, one-on-one time, school time, homework, et cetera, et cetera. So that's always a big focus of mine because I am on my own.

**Audio Description:** Jodie stands at the kitchen bench, typing on her laptop. She is concentrating as she works, holding her reading glasses in one hand as she moves the laptop mouse with another. The shot cuts to Jodie sitting on the couch, folding a pile of children’s clothes. She stacks the folded items into neat piles.

**Jodie:** You know, like you have to be super, super organised and that's where you need to use the supports. Put your hand in there and go hey I actually need help guys. This is my home and I have a choice who comes into my home. So when the department will give me a call and they will give me a bit of a background about what that child is, you know, like their age, what their trauma has been, where they've come from, what my responsibilities would be. So it's entirely up to me if I bring that child into my home or at some stage I might go, you know what, at the moment I've got a lot going on at work at the moment. And no, I'm sorry I can't take that child.

**Audio Description:** Jodie picks up toys from a rug in a children’s bedroom. She picks up a toy truck, and places it onto a shelf. We pan along a shelf containing other toy trucks and cars. Jodie is now picking up toy dinosaurs from the top of a child’s bed. We see a close up of the toy dinosaurs on top of the toy shelf.

**Jodie:** The toughest part about reunification is you grow to love these children because I feel really privileged that I was able to look after these children in a safe environment until mum and dad or kin can actually go back and care for them. It's beautiful to see them go because that's where they should be. But you always miss them. Yeah, always.

**Audio Description:** Jodie continues tidying the child’s room. She picks up another two toy trucks and puts them in a toy box next to the toy shelf. We cut to a close up of a toy car in the toy box, now back in its place.

**Jodie:** Really if there's anybody out there that's got any fear or have even thought about it or an extra room in their house or an extra seat in the car like it just may change that child's life. Being a foster carer changed my life. Being a foster carer has made my life. I get as much enjoyment of the children as what they get out of me. So I just feel so blessed to be able to yeah, to look after them for whatever time period that I can.

**Audio Description:** Jodie is outside looking at her surroundings. She is kneeling next to a footpath, her arm around a Labrador, and holding its leash. We cut to a shot of Jodie walking the Labrador along the footpath, which is next to a creek lined with trees. A Queensland Government logo graphic appears, with a URL underneath it. This reads: qld.gov.au/fostercare . The screen then transitions to an authorisation statement, reading: Authorised by the Queensland Government, William St, Brisbane.