**Described Transcript – Amelia and Lou’s long-form video**

**Audio description:** A full screen graphic shows Lou & Amelia smiling to camera, on a teal geometric background. Their names and description appear underneath them: ‘Lou & Amelia, foster carers’. There is a Queensland Foster and Kinship Care logo in the bottom left of screen, and a Queensland Government logo on the bottom right of screen. Mellow guitar music plays. The image transitions to show Lou & Amelia sitting on an outside table on a deck, surrounded by trees. They each have a mug in their hand.

**Lou:** We are Lou and Amelia and we're foster carers.

**Audio description:**  Lou smiles at Amelia, then drinks from her mug. The shot cuts to Amelia sitting in an interview-style set up at a dining room table. There is a vase of sunflowers on the table.

**Amelia:** Lou and I talked about parenting in multiple different forms, and how I guess, that can look as a same sex couple. Foster caring really just flowed.

**Audio description:** Amelia and Lou sit with a child on the floor. We can’t see the identity of the child. They are all colouring in together around the coffee table. A pencil case lies open on the table, and pencils and colouring in books are strewn across it. Lou & Amelia smile at each other. The shot cuts to Lou, sitting in the same interview-style set up as Amelia.

**Lou:** We've just felt so welcome from the start, and you know, encouraged.

**Audio description:** A close up shot of the colouring in page, as the child colours in the image with a green texta. Lou smiles at the child, helping her colour in with another green texta.

**Amelia:** I immediately thought that there would be a barrier being a queer person, so I did always wonder if there was going to be some judgement there, but we were so welcomed.

**Audio description:** A series of close up shots on toys – soft toys of a monkey and a dog, then of a plastic unicorn.

**Lou:** We do receive financial support for having someone in our care, like all the medical, if you're at daycare or afterschool care, or anything you need, everything's covered by the department. And you've got this whole team that are there to support you and the little one as well.

**Audio description:** A series of shots. A plasticine unicorn that has been hand-painted by a child. Amelia picks up clothes from the floor of a child’s room, and puts them in the dirty washing basket.

**Amelia:** I found the training super helpful. Not being a parent myself, to just give us some insights into what to expect, how to react to different behaviours and things like that. It's been really great to, to watch her grow and develop. Like that's been very, very cool to see.

**Audio description:** A series of shots.Amelia & Lou sit at their dining table, talking to a support worker who sits opposite them. The support worker is taking notes. Lou and the child do yoga together on the deck. They are stretching, and doing various yoga poses. Lou smiles as she stretches.

**Lou:** She has a lot of contact with her family. So, on weekends we have with her and then the next weekend she's with her family. So that's quite a nice time for us to kind of, you know, like we miss her. But, you know, know that we have time then to do our things. Our little one's family is beautiful and they've just had, you know, a rough time and she has a beautiful relationship with her family. We, yeah, facilitate that and work with that. You don't know when it's going to potentially end. There's also a beauty in that as well, because we just enjoy, you know, every moment.

**Audio description:** Lou sticks a child’s drawing to the front of the fridge with a magnet. She smiles. There is a close up shot on the drawing, which shows three people standing together and smiling. The shot cuts to Amelia, who is smiling as she fastens a helmet under the chin of the young child. The child rides a push-scooter along the footpath, as Lou & Amelia walk together beside her.

**Amelia:** The advice I'd give to anyone who's considering becoming a foster carer is really just to give it a go.

**Audio description:** Lou, Amelia and the child continue walking along the footpath next to the beach. The young child walks between them. They all hold hands. Amelia carries the scooter in her free hand.

**Lou:** If you are in a position where you can offer that, you know, for a night, a week, month, year, even for respite or short term, you never know the beautiful little soul that will enter your life and change your life.

**Audio description:** Lou and the child are playing in the sand on the beach.

**Amelia:** The whole process was super easy to get involved in. The training's great. The support is great. Financial support helps.

**Audio description:** Lou and the child continue to play in the sand. The child draws an outline of a love heart. Lou smiles at her.

**Lou:** And it's just such an amazing gift to give them that space and to help them develop and you know, like teach them life skills and stuff like that.

**Audio description:** Amelia stands at a bench in the kitchen, chopping vegetables at a cutting board. She chops cucumber and puts into onto a sandwich.

**Lou:** Entering into the foster system can be like daunting at first and it has its challenges for sure. But yeah, as a whole, the rewards that you get every day from looking after a little person is yeah, definitely worth it.

**Audio description:** A close up shot as Lou, Amelia and the child walk together, barefoot along the shoreline of the beach. Amelia holds hands with the child. Lou trails her hand in the water, as Amelia and the child walk ahead. 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.