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SMEATON GRANGE's humble industrial estate will soon be home to a colossal amount of personal information, with two data centres worth a combined \$70 million recently approved.

A data centre is a site which stores and processes data, including health records, scientific data and personal data.

Amazon Web Services (AWS), a subsidiary to amazon.com, will be the operator of the two local data centres located on neighboring sites.

AWS is a global juggernaut in the international cloud services market, boasting a portion of more than 60 per cent.

Western Sydney University academic Tanya Notley, a chief investigator on a project investigating data centres in Australia, said there would be a number of reasons why AWS identified Smeaton Grange for its centres.

"(AWS) are typically secretive about their operations," she said. "My guess would be that at Smeaton Grange they are hosting data that does not need the highest speed global connectivity.

"Having said that, I think AWS would not be located there if there was not also incredibly fast connectivity to undersea cables and to their other Sydney operations."An AWS spokesman declined to comment.

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