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Buttrose has eyes on PM to win more for Alzheimer's Australia

ITA Buttrose (right) hopes to meet the Prime Minister, **Julia Gillard**, in her role as president of Alzheimer's Australia.

Buttrose was in Melbourne last night for the annual State Trustees Charity Ball at the Grand Hyatt, with all funds raised going to Alzheimer's Australia Victoria.

Alzheimer's Australia has written to the Prime Minister requesting a meeting to lobby for more funding for the disease

Buttrose's father, **Charles**, suffered from dementia and the issue is close to her heart.

"My father had dementia and I was his principal carer," she said. "So I understand the pain of watching someone you love comes to grips with this disease."

As well as her Alzheimer Australia role, Buttrose is a popular speaker around Australia. A second print of her book, *A Guide to Australian Etiquette*, is due soon.

